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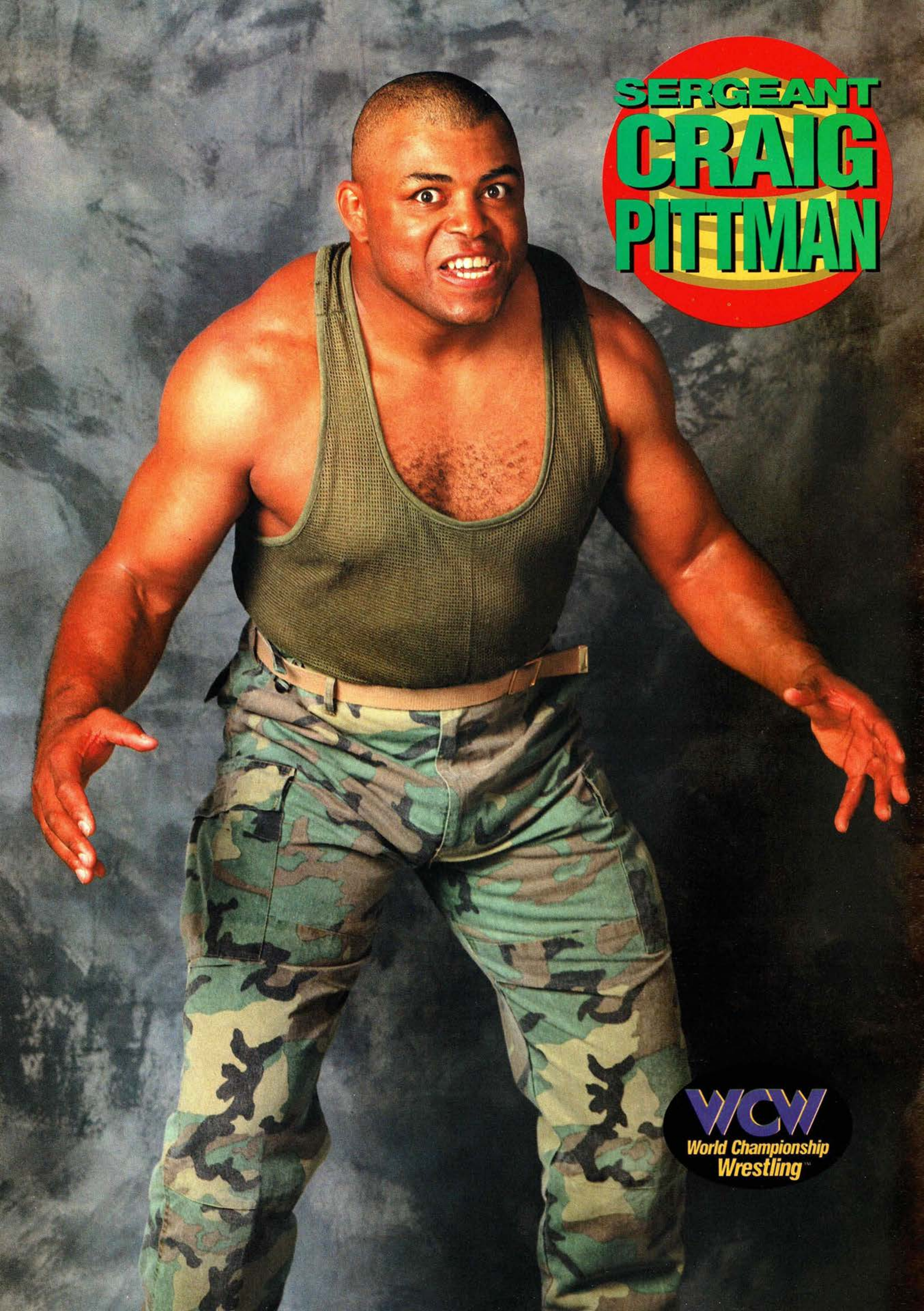
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Editor's Note

Having spent the whole of the month traveling the globe, I had the opportunity to experience first-hand the impact that WCW has made all around the world.

First stop North Korea, where a record crowd for wrestling, 190,000 people turned up to watch Ric Flair face Japanese legend, Antonio Inoki. An absolutely amazing feat, but not as amazing as the knowledge possessed by those fans about WCW.

Reading local newspapers during my travels, I could see that WCW has not only taken the wrestling world by storm but also the sports and entertainment worlds as well. Local newspaper columnists were predicting winners of the big tag team main event at Slamboree. Television listings printed that Slamboree was a special presentation not to be missed. Even in the Bahamas, people were debating the Hogan and Savage vs. Flair and Vader main event with such fervor that it compared to the Clinton-Bush presidential election all over again!

It's amazing how much WCW has become part of the fabric of this country. Mention great America supporters and you're sure to hear men such as Hulk Hogan and Hacksaw Duggan mentioned. Listen to the radio, hear that great oldie "Keep On Dancin'" by The Gentrys and the announcer always mentions that Jimmy Hart, manager of WCW World Champion Hogan, was a member of that legendary band.

Just recently I opened a copy of USA Today and there was an appeal from Shaquille O'Neal for the Hulkster's help. I watched a critical NBA play-off game and there, during TNT's coverage, was Hulk Hogan doing his bit to help the Orlando Magic to victory.

At my local restaurant, there are autographed photos of Ric Flair and The Nasty Boys on the wall. While shopping for toys for a nephew, I spotted all the great WCW action figures featured prominently on the end of an aisle.

It's all very comforting! You see, I consider it a privilege to be able to report to you all the great action from WCW each month. I'm proud to be part of an organization that boasts every major wrestling talent in both this country and Japan on its roster.

Most of all I still get goosebumps watching the lights come up at our events and in watching all our great fans filing into the arena.

That's when I realize what a lucky guy I am! I wouldn't swap my job with anyone.

Colin Bowman, Editor

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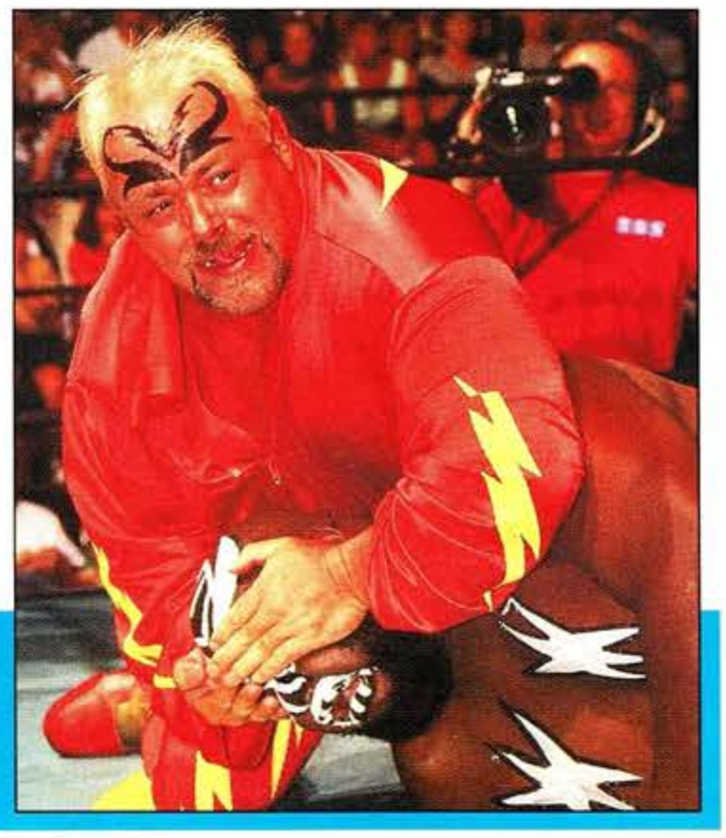


TAKEN TO TASK

WCW is still in a state of confusion about the new alliance "The Dungeon of Doom," created in the mind of The Master and his new disciple, The Taskmaster. The Taskmaster has been reborn, complete with demonic forehead markings and hails from "The Gates of Hate." They are set to unleash a reign of anarchy previously unseen anywhere in the wrestling world. Newly arrived as the cornerstone of the group is Africa's most fearsome savage, Kamala. The Ugandan Giant was once responsible for almost ending Hulk Hogan's career and he has lost no time in setting about the task again. We have also heard that a giant *Carcharodon carcharias* could also be on it's way, swimming in to join this group. Finally, as devious as ever, The Taskmaster has promised one more giant surprise as he once again battles to control WCW and end Hulkamania forever.

WCW BASH AT THE BEACH™ CONTROL CENTRE

WCW' s next PPV, Bash at the Beach will have the unique distinction of actually taking place live on the beach—Huntington Beach, California. The good news is that event is totally free, but if you can't make it out to California, then you can still keep up with the whole show on live PPV. As always this event can be ordered from your local cable and satellite operators at a cost of $27.95. This is one event you cannot afford to miss. In the main event WCW World Heavyweight Champion HUlk Hogan faces his nemesis Vader in a STEEL CAGE. Also set to appear are "Macho Man" Randy Savage, Sting, Renegade and Ric Flair. This is a chance to be a part of wrestling history.

DO NOT MISS OUT!

WCW EVENT NEWS

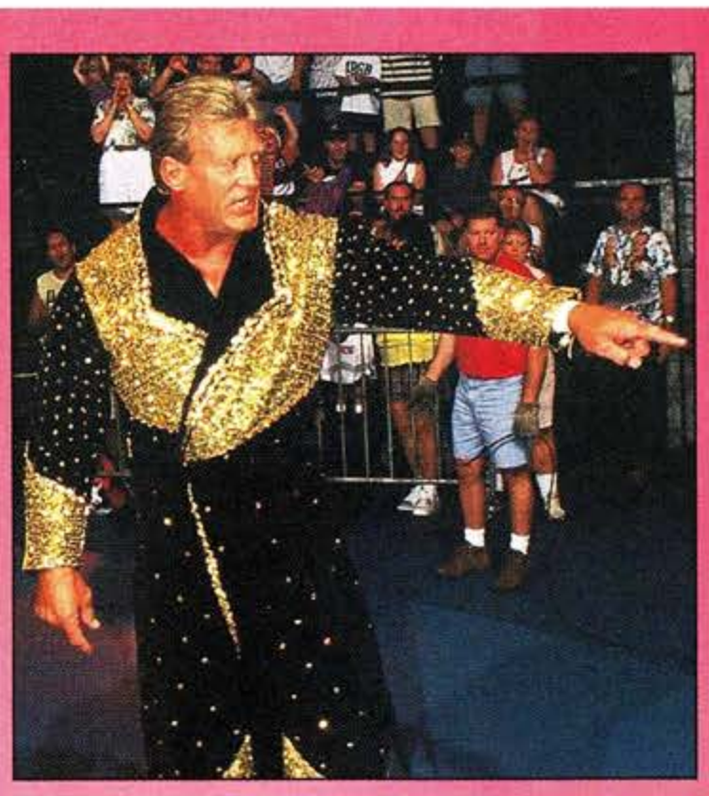
Here are the dates of WCW's upcoming major events:

July 16 1995	**Bash at the Beach Huntington Beach, CA**
August 6 1995	**Clash of the Champions Daytona Beach, FL**
September 17 1995	**Fall Brawl Asheville, NC**
October 29 1995	**Halloween Havoc Detroit, MI**
November 26 1995	**Special Event Hampton or Norfolk, VA**
December 27 1995	**Starrcade Nashville, TN**
January 1996	**Clash of the Champions Las Vegas, NV**

All information correct at press time but may be subject to change

DO OPPOSITES ATTRACT?

Recently there has been a lot of speculation about the relationship between Dave Sullivan and the gorgeous Diamond Doll. Many questions remain unanswered. Who gave Dave his rabbit, Ralph? Who has been sending The Doll secret notes? One person who is determined to find out is DDP. "If I find out that half-wit Sullivan has even so much as had a thought about my Doll, I'll tear him limb from limb," he informed us.



WONDERFUL AGAIN

"Mr. Wonderful" Paul Orndorff's recent revival in the singles ranks continues and he really got a major boost in the ratings when he won the new four-man Slim Jim tournament in May. In the first round he overcame Hacksaw Jim Duggan while his final opponent, Flyin' Brian overcame Big Bubba. In the final Paul Orndorff wrestled a see-saw battle against Pillman, gaining victory with more than a little handful of Brian's tights in his hands. The victory has pushed him into the No.1 contenders spot for the T.V. Title.

US TOURNEY UPDATE

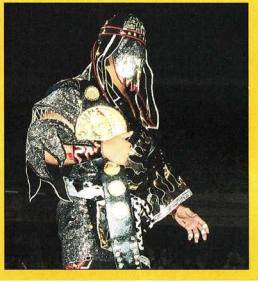
By the time you read this a new United States Champion will have been crowned—either Sting or Meng. Here though are the results that led to the final pairing. In the second round Sting beat Paul Orndorff, Alex Wright was disqualified against Ric Flair after Randy Savage interfered, Meng beat a spirited Flyin' Brian and Stunning Steve was overpowered by a determined Randy Savage. In the semi-finals Ric Flair's match against "Macho Man" was ruled a double disqualification after Savage battled Flair through the building and out on to Peachtree Street in Atlanta. The battle only ended when Flair managed to jump into his limousine and escape. WCW instantly ruled that the other semi-final become the final and take place at The Great American Bash.

NOSTRADAMUS

For a while now WCW Magazine has been inundated with predictions about the future—nothing unusual there, fans have always had fun trying to predict the future. NO, what makes this unusual is that they arrive everyday, make a prediction about WCW happenings for the following week and then they actually come true! So far we have no idea who this modern day Nostradamus is, except for the fact his predictions are postmarked from YING & YANG.

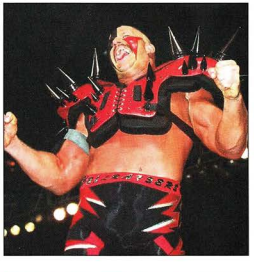
JAPANESE EXCHANGE

As part of the trade deal with New Japan that saw The Great Muta defend the IWGP Title at Slamboree, several WCW wrestlers including Arn Anderson, Stunning Steve and Flyin' Brian have recently competed in the Land of the Rising Sun. Watch out for several appearances from Japan's top wrestlers in the near future.



COLLISION IN KOREA

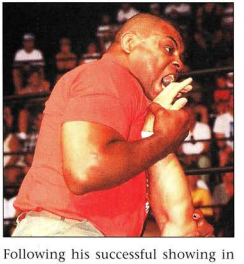
WCW will be showing on PPV the complete card from Pyongyang, Korea where a record breaking crowd of 190,000 people saw a main event of Ric Flair against Antonio Inoki. Other participants included Road Warrior Hawk, The Steiners, Too Cold Scorpio and Wild Pegasus. The show can be viewed on August 4, 1995 at a cost of $12.95.



RETURN OF THE HAWK

When Road Warrior Hawk made his dramatic entrance on the **WCW Main Event** show, prior to **Slamboree**, one question sprang to mind—is he back for good? Well he told us, "For good is a long time, but I'm here for now and first thing I've got to do is conclude my business with Meng. After that who knows?"

VALE TUDO



Following his successful showing in March's Vale Tudo martial arts tournament—and the extremely controversial circumstances surrounding his semi-final elimination—Sgt. Craig Pittman has been invited to compete in November's event. He is confident he will win this time and dethrone current champion Rickson Gracie. He is also very keen to enter UFC and attempt to end the legend of his younger brother, Royce.

EUROPEAN UPDATE

Unfortunately WCW's tour of Germany & Austria that was scheduled for the end of May was regrettably cancelled due to logistical problems. WCW are working as speedily as possible to sort the problem out and hope to return to Europe in the not too distant future.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Birthdays this month include:

August 1 **Bunkhouse Bunk** *August 11* **Hulk Hogan**

TAG Talk

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Battle Royal

I am a great fan of "Battle Royals," but it has been years since I saw one in WCW. I could be wrong but the last one I remember was probably in 1988 and won by Dusty Rhodes. Is it possible that perhaps we could see some more in the future?

Darren Hobson, Louth, Lincs

That is a suggestion I have put forward on your behalf. The great thing about WCW is that you just never know what could be round the corner. C.B.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to everyone who is involved in your great magazine. I think the coverage of Superbrawl V and Uncensored was awesome. Keep up the good work.

David Grech, St. Julian's, Malta

Fan clubs

I have been following WCW for four years now and I wonder if you can tell me if there is a WCW Fan Club and any separate one's for the wrestlers.

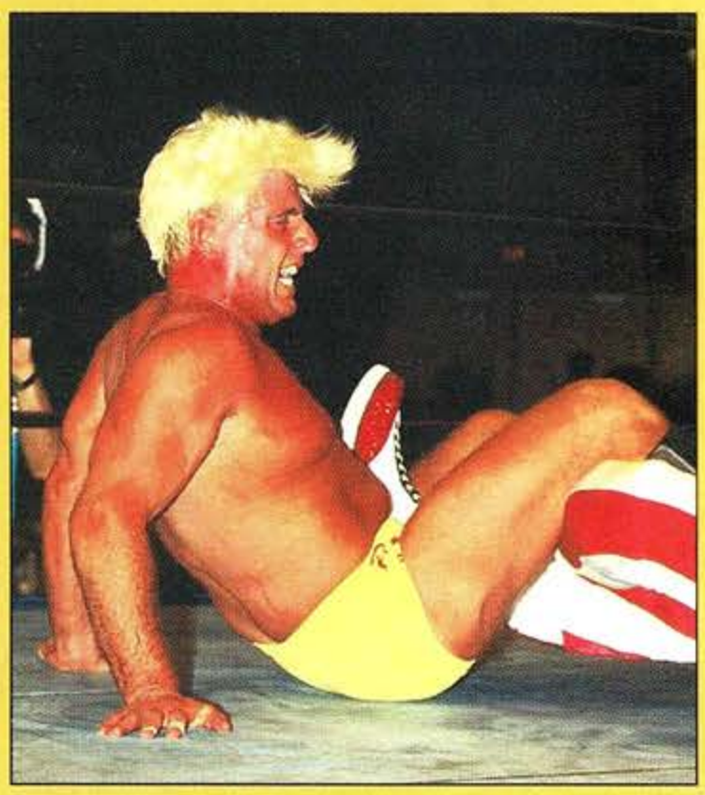
Michelle Murray, Corby, Northants

Regrettably at this moment in time there is no official WCW Fan Club. However, in the meantime send us your correspondence for the wrestlers and we will pass it on. C.B.

A flair for greatness

Having read Mark Madden's June column, I couldn't agree more with what he said about Ric Flair. I too believe it won't be long before he is sporting his 12th World title.

Kenneth Hackaday, Brooklyn, NY



MACHO MAN

Randy Savage means the world to me. Could you ask him what his fans mean to him?

Phillippa Hart, Birmingham

Macho says, "Oh Yeah, all my Macho Maniacs mean the world to me as well. Always believe in the Madness, dig it!"

A man?

Ric Flair is my favorite wrestler but having just seen him in that dress at Uncensored, can he really still call himself THE MAN?

Paul Whiteside, Fleetwood, Lancs

NO COMMENT! C.B.

WHAT'CHA GONNA DO?

WCW is great and one of the main reasons—certainly it's why I began watching it—is Hulk Hogan. The Hulkster has proved time and time again that he is a fighting champion. He has dominated WCW like no other wrestler and has yet to duck an opponent. So if you want a shot at Hogan just step on forward, The Hulkster will add you to his list of victories. Ric Flair...get a life! What'cha gonna do when the Hulkster and his WCW Hulkamaniacs run wild on YOU...again!

Steve Smith, West St. Paul, MN

Good sense

WCW's Board of Directors have at last made a sensible decision—the reinstatement of Ric Flair. I don't know what was going through Hogan and Savage's minds to request such a thing. Ric Flair, the greatest of all time, has returned and he will once again rule WCW.

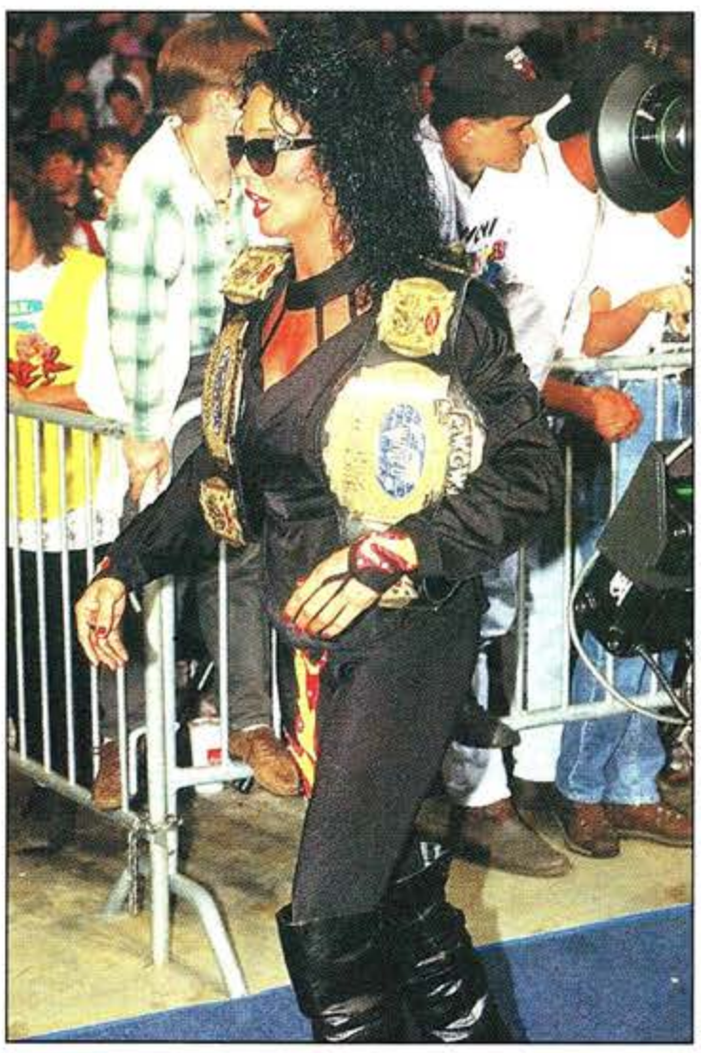
Charles Collins, Bellport, NY

Back issues

I have been collecting WCW Magazine since the days of the old WRAP UP. Can you tell me how I can get hold of WCW magazines that may have been published between May 1994 and February 1995. Is it also possible to get hold of any back issues of your magazine.

William Rhodes, Elbirton, GA

Unfortunately no WCW magazines were published during May '94 and February '95. However back issues of the first five issues of this mag can be obtained by sending a check ($3.95 in the USA or Canada and £2.50 in the UK per copy) payable to WCW (in the USA) or Cell Animation (in Europe) and sent to either of our addresses. C.B.



Problem

I have a real problem with Sister Sherri. I think she should be banned from ringside because all she ever does is interfere. If she wants to continue getting involved, WCW should sanction her to be a wrestler and she should face her male counterparts. I am sure after she's had her butt kicked a few times she won't want to interfere any more. There is nothing wrong with being a strong, independent woman, but Sherri has overstepped the mark.

Renata Napier, New Castle, PA

WCW the best

WCW is the wrestling group of the '90s and any other decade for that matter. With all of the best wrestling talent, merchandise and Pay-Per-Views it is understandable why there are more WCW fans than ever. The veterans like Sting, Hogan, Flair and Vader and the youngsters like Sgt. Pittman, Alex Wright and Meng will keep WCW at the top for a long time.

Matt Impson, Shreveport, LA

COLLISION

"MACHO MAN" RANDY SAVAGE

When Ric Flair had the nerve to attack Randy Savage's can take. Now, one of wrestling's most popular stars "Nature Boy" for good. Indeed, this is a time when S

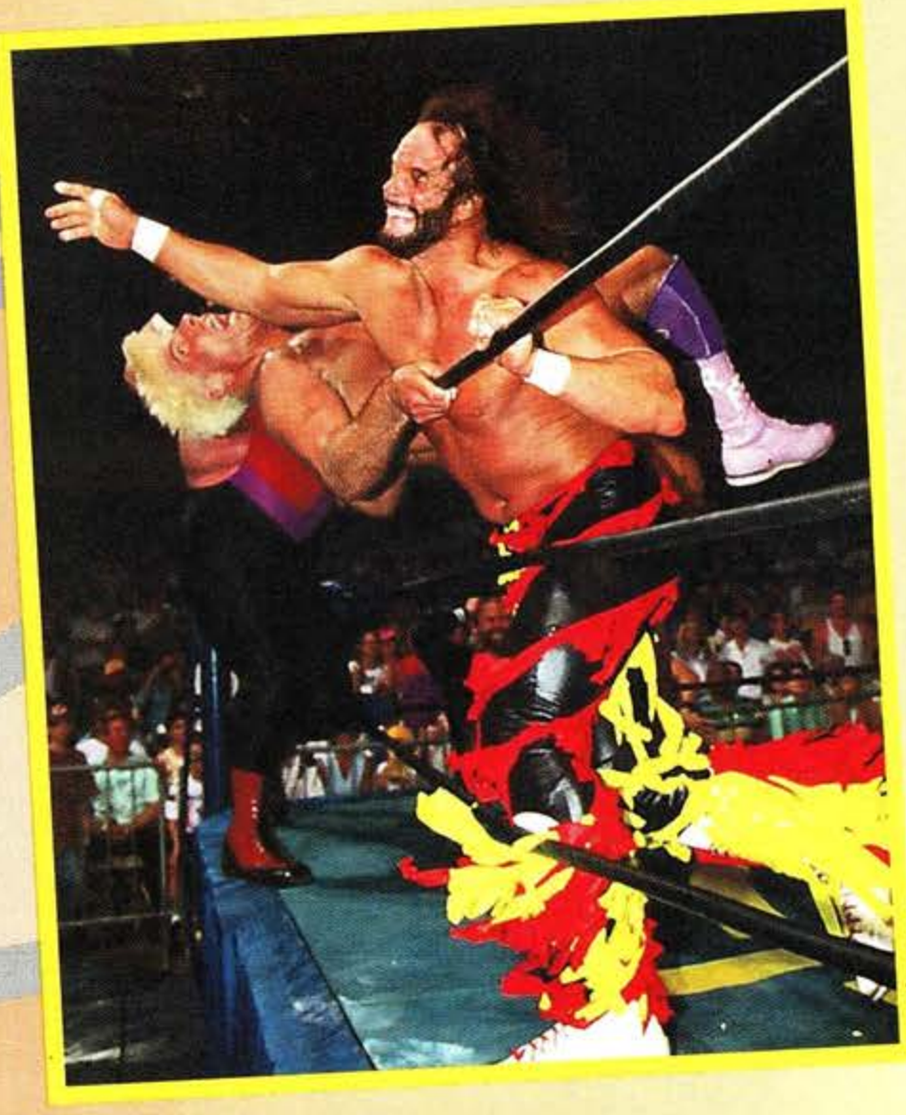
If we didn't have to, we wouldn't even mention in this magazine that Ric Flair, assisted by Arn Anderson, attacked the legendary Angelo Poffo during the closing moments of Slamboree '95. We can hardly stomach to think back to that horrifying moment when the twisted, cackling Flair locked Poffo's aging legs in his figure-four and waited to feel them break.

Randy Savage can't stomach it, either.

"I can't watch a tape of Slamboree," said Savage weeks after the incident. "I can't eat, can't sleep, I don't even think right these days. My father means more to me than any person in my life. He gave me my start, my career. He trained my brother, Lanny Poffo and I to be winners not only in the ring, but in life as well. And then this Flair...this scum...I just wanna throw up thinking about it."

Strong words, but justifiable. Why is it that Flair has been out to get Savage from the moment the "Macho Man" entered WCW? The answer might be jealousy, pure and simple. Perhaps it's because Flair has watched Savage become one of WCW's true legends just months after entering the federation. Perhaps it's because the fans have embraced Savage so strongly.

However, there's a more logical, more frightening explanation. Flair's gone mad and even his closest associates know it.



"I've never seen Ric the way he is these days," says Bobby "The Brain" Heenan. He ought to know as he's been one of Flair's closest allies for years. "Remember the way he almost crippled Dave Sullivan? Attacked Savage in a dress? Hey, those are the tell-tale signs that the man has lost his marbles. However, I think it's in a good way. Sure, he's gone off the deep end and is sailing in a boat without an oar, but Flair is and always has been crazy as a fox. His deviousness will soon make him World Champion again and he knows that by wiping out Savage, he'll be clearing a path to the top."

That may be true but Savage knows the sheer rancor that exists between Flair and himself goes deeper even than the attack on his father, who thankfully continues to improve with each passing day.

"Fans know the history between us," said Savage. "They know that whenever Flair wanted to compete against me, he had to go and get personal. It's never enough for a sick man like this just to challenge me to a match. That's how a man does it. But Ric Flair is not and has never been a real man, dig it? Flair needs to try to get under your skin, to get you madder than you've ever been. But I'm not mad, Flair. I'm not hot, Flair. Right now, I'm not even thinking about winning a match. I'm not thinking about getting you into a

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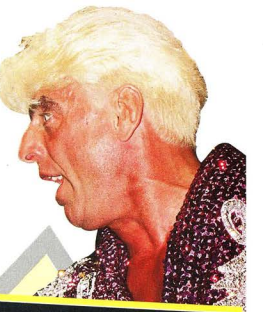
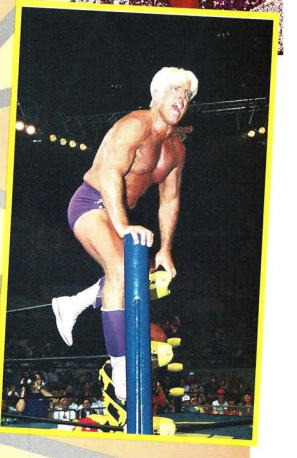


VS. "NATURE BOY" RIC FLAIR

70-year-old father, it was even more than a Macho Man s likely to shock his fans in his quest to get rid of the vage is going to live up to his name more than ever!



match. I'm thinking about ending your career. I got you back into WCW, Flair, and I can get you right back out of it!"

Truer words were never spoken. It was the hard work of Savage, Jimmy Hart and Hulk Hogan in petitioning WCW officials to end the ban on Flair (sanctioned after the "Nature Boy" lost a retirement match against Hogan at Halloween Havoc '94). However, as soon as Flair reappeared in WCW, it was obvious that his whole manner had changed. He was now determined as ever, but exhibited a new, sinister edge. "Sick Ric" is how WCW commentator Tony Schiavone described Flair, following his recent actions and Dusty Rhodes concurred.

"You can't compare the Flair of today to the Flair of the past," said Rhodes on a recent edition of **WCW Pro Wrestling**. "That's a different man. Today, Flair is ready to go to any length to get rid of Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage. They better be ready, baby, 'cause the heats on those men like it's never been before."

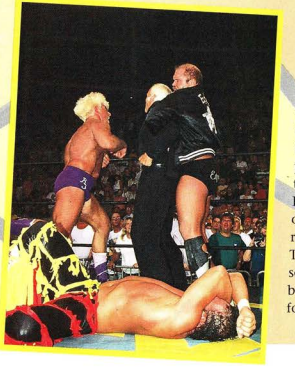
The heat's now up to 1000 degrees, especially in the heart of Randy Savage. He is possessed. Just look how he cost Alex Wright a victory over Ric Flair so that HE would face the "Nature Boy." Then his rage caused their U.S. Championship semi-final to be nullified as they battled out on to the streets in Downtown Atlanta. Even a man as grizzled as the "Macho Man" can break down when a loved one is needlessly hurt. When he saw his father, his own flesh and blood, lying screaming on the mat, it changed Savage's whole demeanor. Now not only is Flair a changed man, but so is Savage.

Savage is vicious

Savage is primed.

Savage is a man with just one motivation and just one goal...to destroy the man who tried to destroy his father!

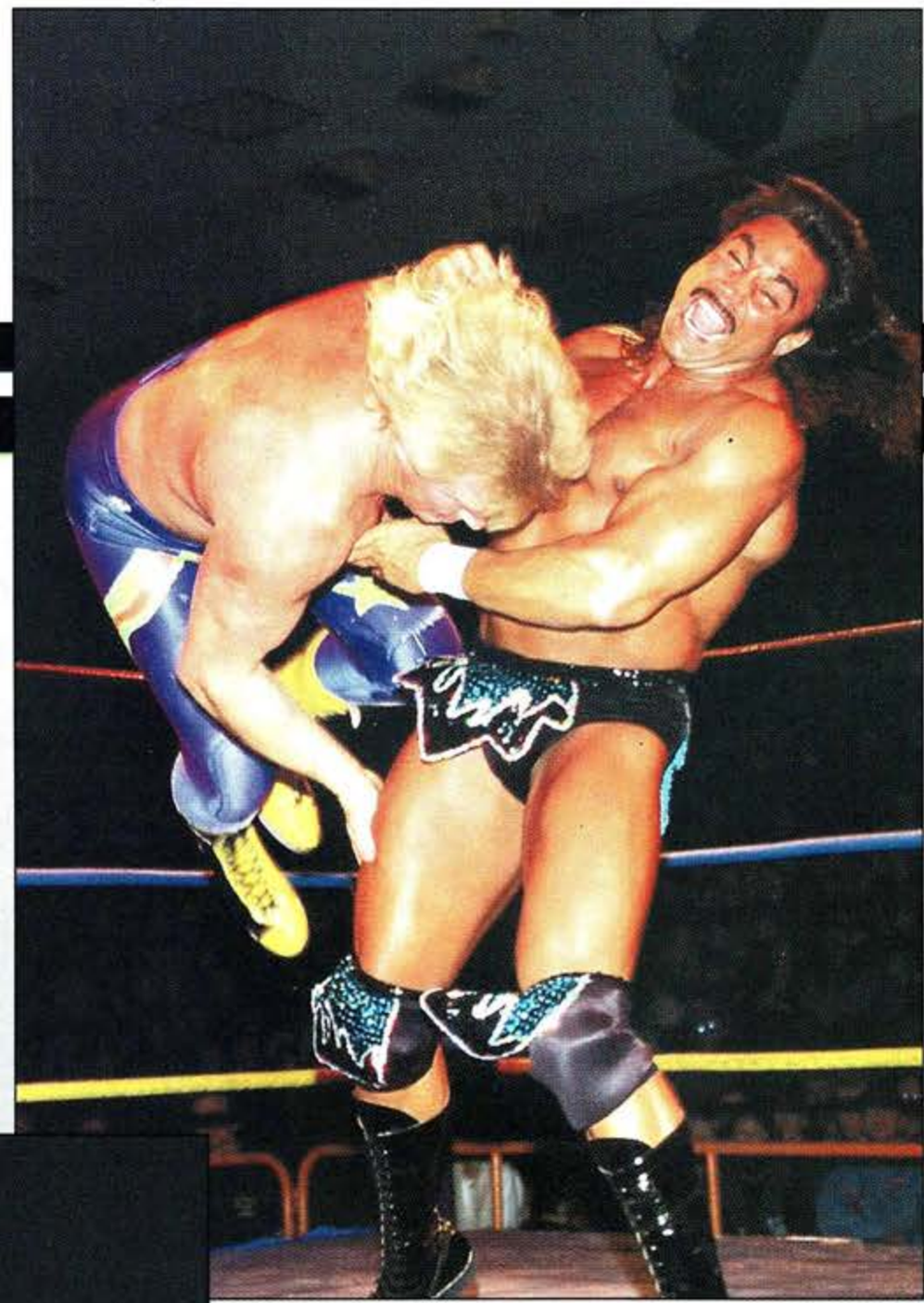
We, the editors of WCW Magazine, will now take a rare editorial stance. Mr. Flair, we welcomed you back into the sport with open arms. We shrugged off your insanity during your interview last month. We even took it as an occupational hazard of the sport when you attacked our Editor, Colin Bowman ringside at Slamboree. However, we will laugh when Randy Savage gives you the lesson you so richly deserve. Naturally, we will be openly rooting for Mr. Savage. You see, we can accept rulebreaking. We can accept a callous egoist. You are nothing but a bully and we can't accept the way you are acting today, Flair.

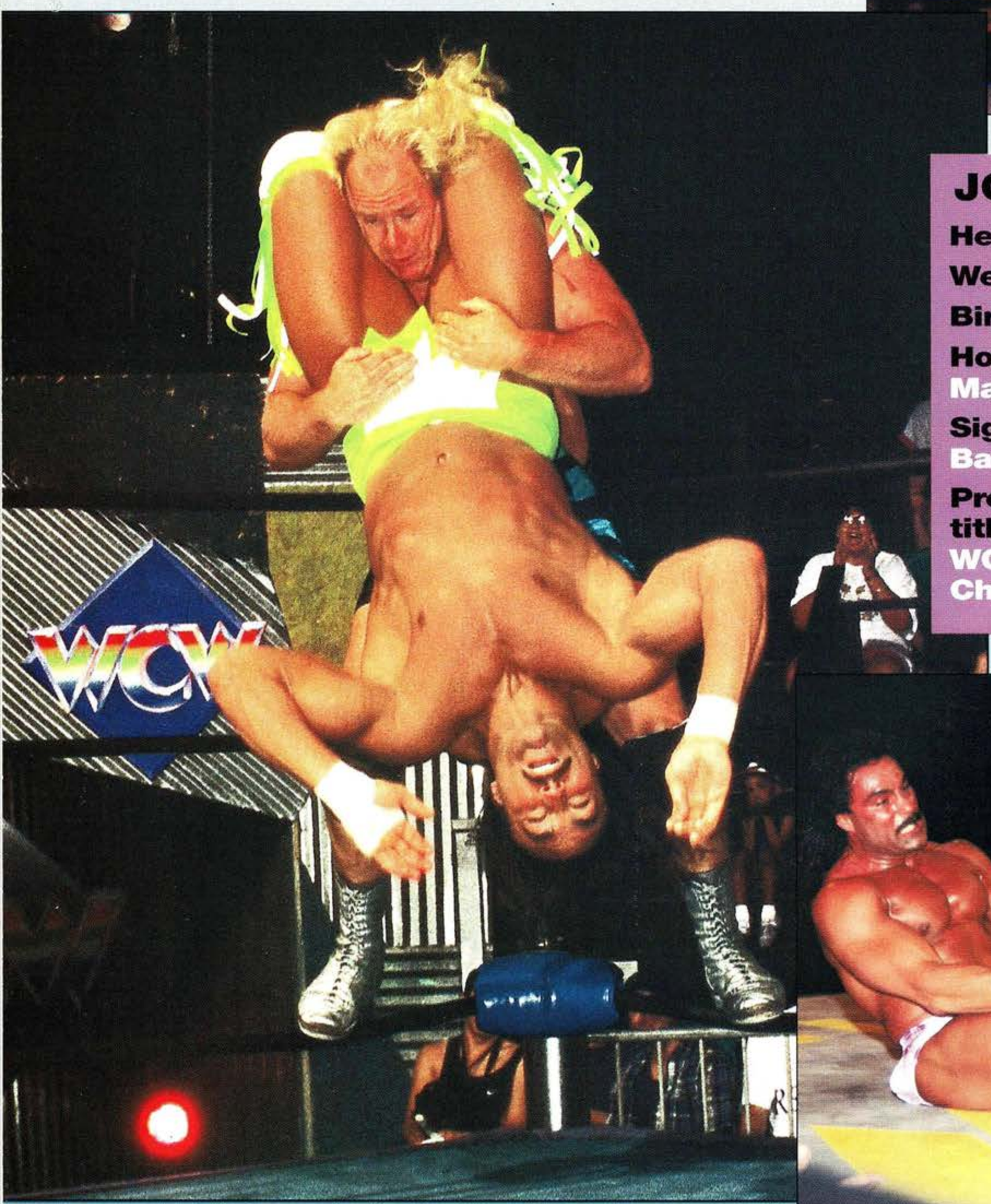


The gauntlet has been cast and picked up. The battle is on. Can Savage take the rage that is burning inside him and transfer it into a positive force to beat Flair or will the rage prove to be his undoing? Is Flair still equipped to face an opponent who will show little or no regard for his own personal safety? The answer may not be known for several months but this is going to be one collision that will live on forever in the annals of this sport.

EXPERT ASSESSMENT

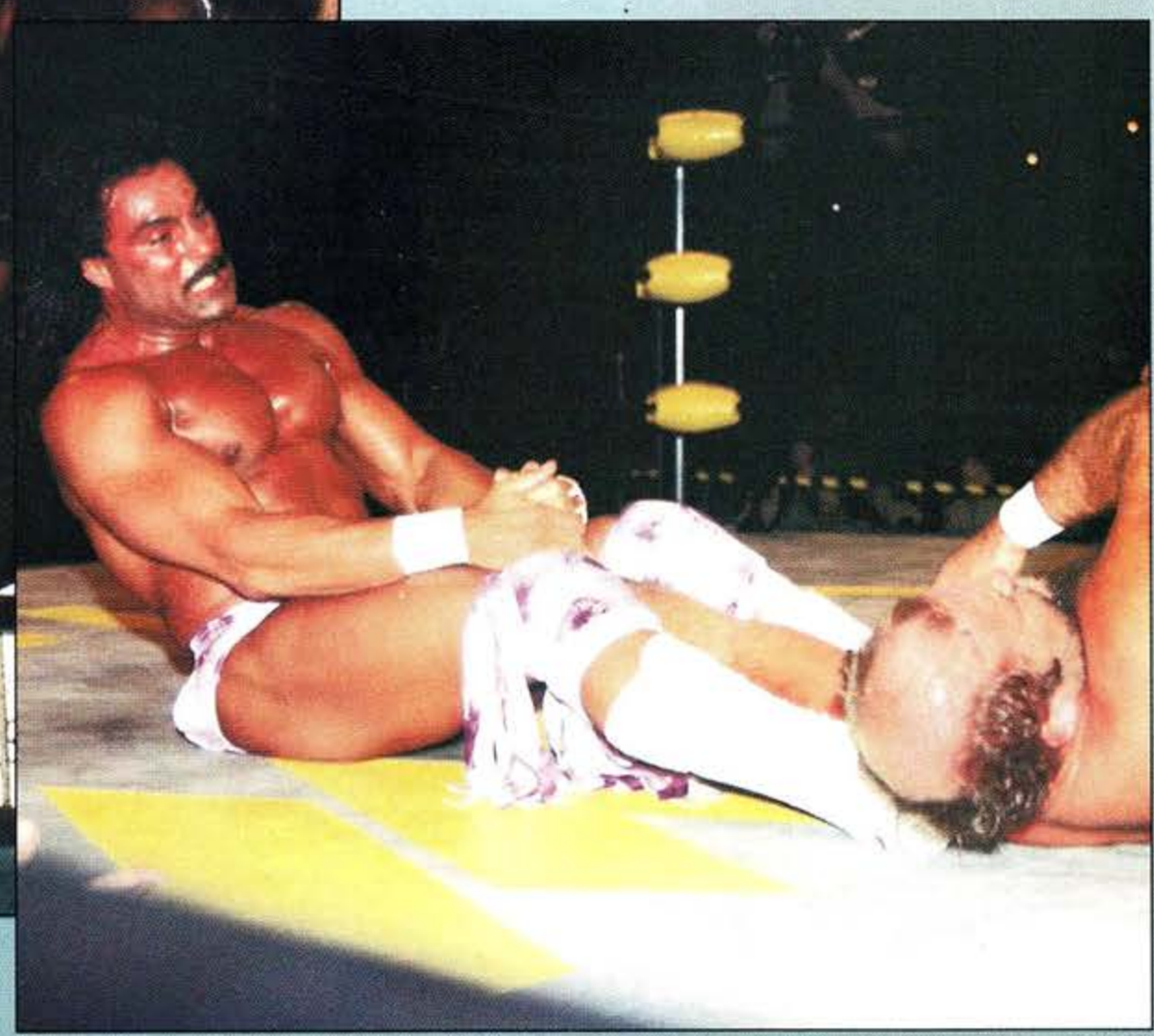
In this exclusive WCW Magazine feature, four of World Championship Wrestling's most knowledgeable personalities take an up-close-and-personal look at current WCW Superstars.
These aren't comments you'll hear at the arenas or on TV-these are the true beliefs of the biggest and most provocative mindsets in the sport today!



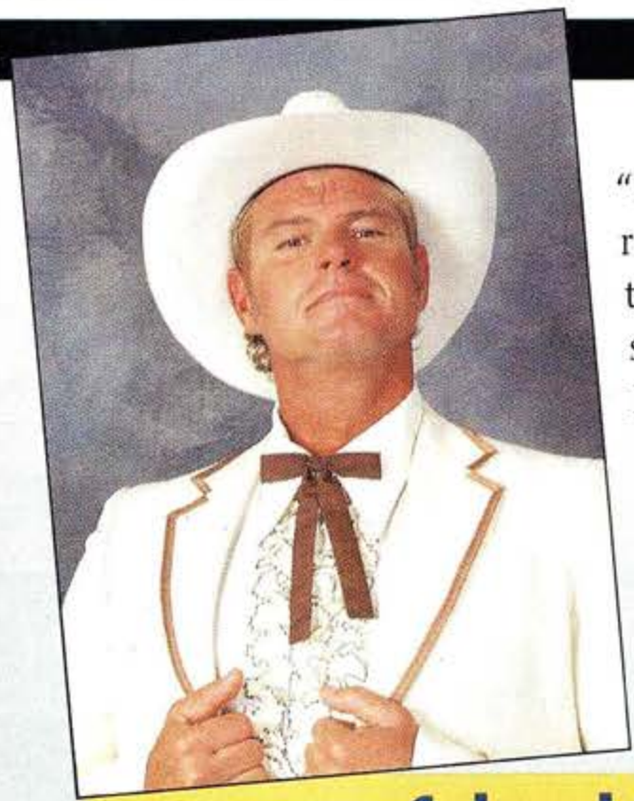


JOHNNY B. BADD

Height: 6'
Weight: 235lbs
Birthday: July 9
Hometown: Macon, GA
Signature Maneuver: Badd Day
Previous WCW titles held: WCW World Television Champion 9/94



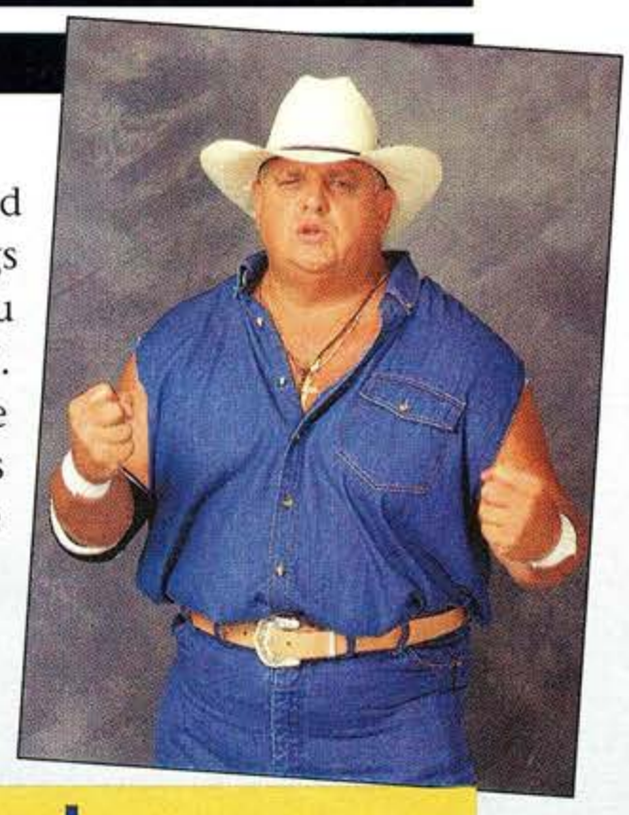
Johnny B. Badd



Colonel Robert Parker

"Listen, you WCW Magazine reporters are really startin' to get under The Colonel's skin, you know what I mean? Every issue, I've gotta talk about guys who are not worthy of anyone in my Stud Stable. You never ask about Meng. You never ask about Bunkhouse Buck. You never ask about Stunning Steve Austin. Now, I gotta waste my time with that washed up pretty boy, Johnny B. Badd? Okay. Johnny is a decent wrestler, a great boxer, too, but he can't hold a candle to my boys. Anything else you want to know? What a waste of the time and talents of the greatest promoter on earth!"

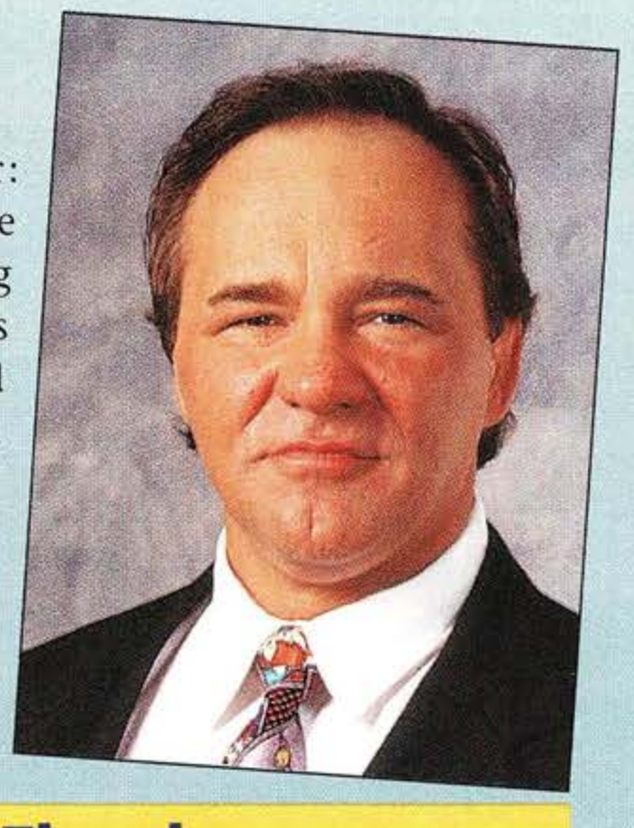
Col. Robert Parker is the self-proclaimed greatest showman in the world. He has several top WCW wrestlers under his guidance, most notably the infamous Stud Stable.



Dusty Rhodes

"Color, Flamboyance, Grit and Determination. Those are things that you've got to have if you want to make it here in WCW. Johnny B. Badd has all of those things going for him, but he's got a whole lot more, too. He has tremendous ring balance and when I say that, I mean that he knows how to apply holds, how to get up in the air and best of all, how to get down and fight if he has to. That boxer vs. wrestler match he had with Arn Anderson was proof of that fact. This guy is a real asset to WCW. I think the fans would agree with me on that."

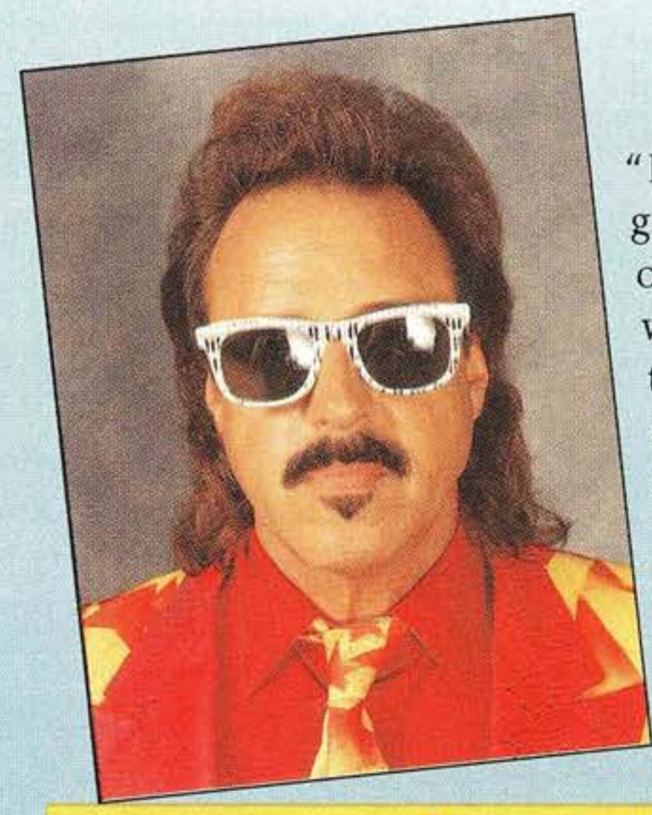
Dusty Rhodes, "The American Dream", is one of the most popular wrestlers of all time. During his incredible career he has managed to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship on three different occasions.



Larry Zbyszko

"Let me make this clear: Wrestling is not boxing. Are you listening, Badd? During my long and glorious years in becoming a legend in this sport, I found that guys who are one-dimensional don't get too far. Early in my career, I was worried too much about power moves and I think that cost me a victory or two. Later, I added science and skill and I went on to win title after title. Where are Johnny's titles? I know he held the World Television Championship, but I think it was a fluke. He's got a lot of talent, but he needs to reassess his assets and move on from there."

"Living Legend" Larry Zbyszko is regarded as one of the greatest wrestlers in history. He is currently the co-host of WCW Pro on Superstation TBS.

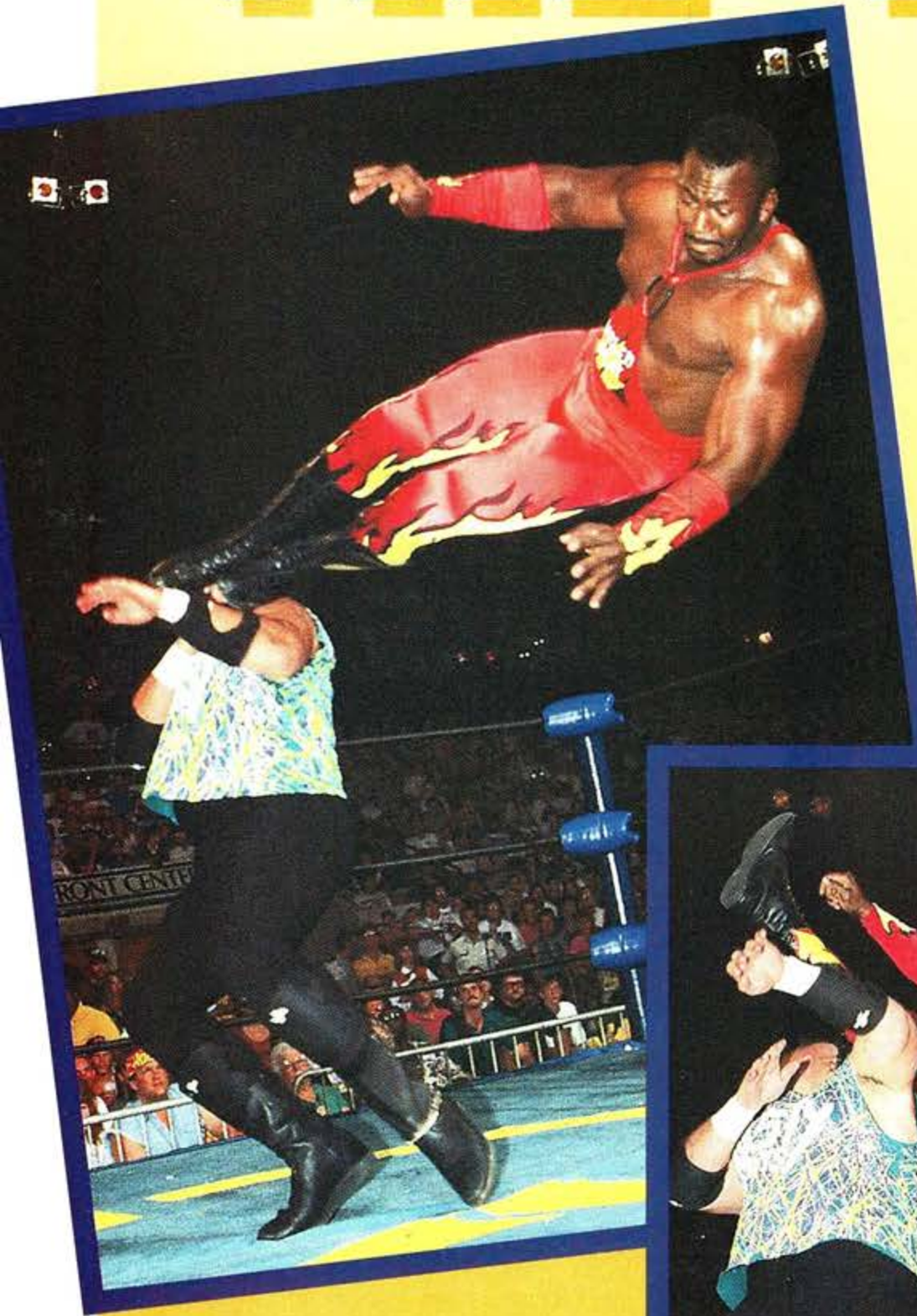


Jimmy Hart

"It's impressive when guys who were great in one sport turn to wrestling and excel here, too. That's why I always enjoy watching Johnny. He's lightning quick and he knows a lot of good wrestling holds, including that incredible "Badd Day." But that blazing hand speed! It's those amazing fists of his that have scored victory after victory against guys who are established superstars. You can tell he was a really great amateur boxer! Johnny is also a lot like Hulk Hogan, in the way he always takes time to visit hospitals and does a lot of charity work. How can you not like a guy like that? He's a real WCW superstar, but I think his best matches are still to come, baby."

Jimmy Hart is arguably the greatest manager in the history of the sport. Currently he manages the WCW World Heavyweight Champion Hulk Hogan.

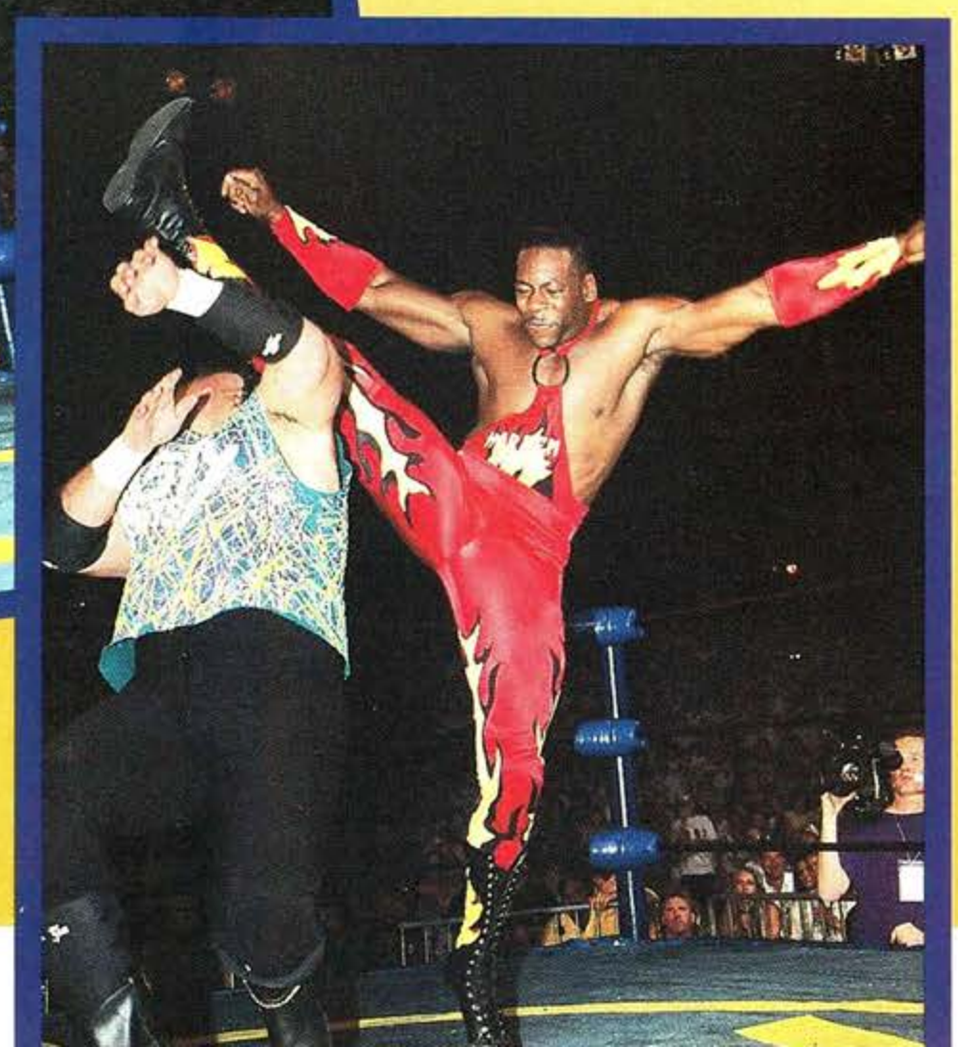
THE LEGENDS



THE NASTY BOYS vs HARLEM HEAT

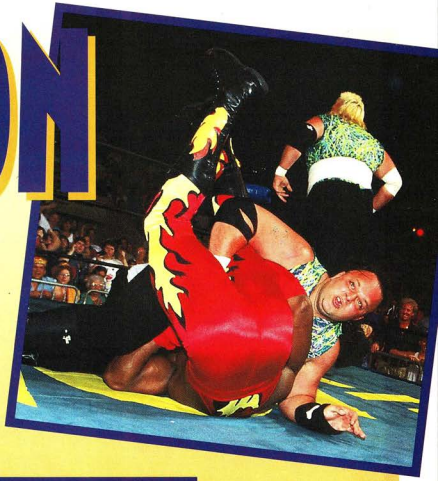
WCW World Tag Team Championship

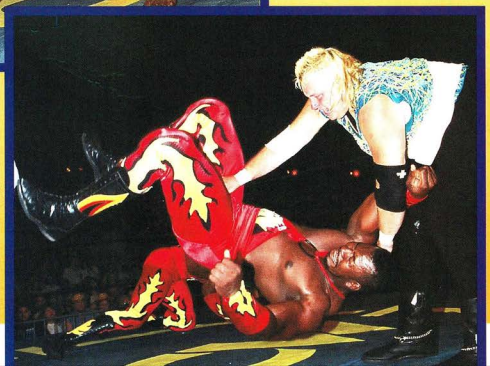
It surely looked like this would be a night for Booker T and Stevie Ray to relish. After all, during the pre-show **Main Event** telecast, The Blue Bloods attacked The Nasty Boys while they conducted an interview. During the fracas, Lord Steven Regal and Earl Robert Eaton double suplexed Knobs, then blasted him in the back with a heavy steel chair. This forced a brave Sags to take on both members of Harlem Heat, with the title up for grabs. Naturally, even a wrestler as talented as Sags doesn't stand much chance against two champions, but he bravely battled. After Sags piledrived Booker T during a revival, fans were shocked and excited as Knobs, with his midsection taped, ran to the ring to assist his valiant partner! After that, the tide immediately changed. Knobs slammed Booker T, Sags scored with a flying elbowdrop and followed up for the pin. Yes, the Nasties had "three-peated" as World Tag Team Champions and Knobs had even blasted Sister Sherri with a powerslam for good measure!

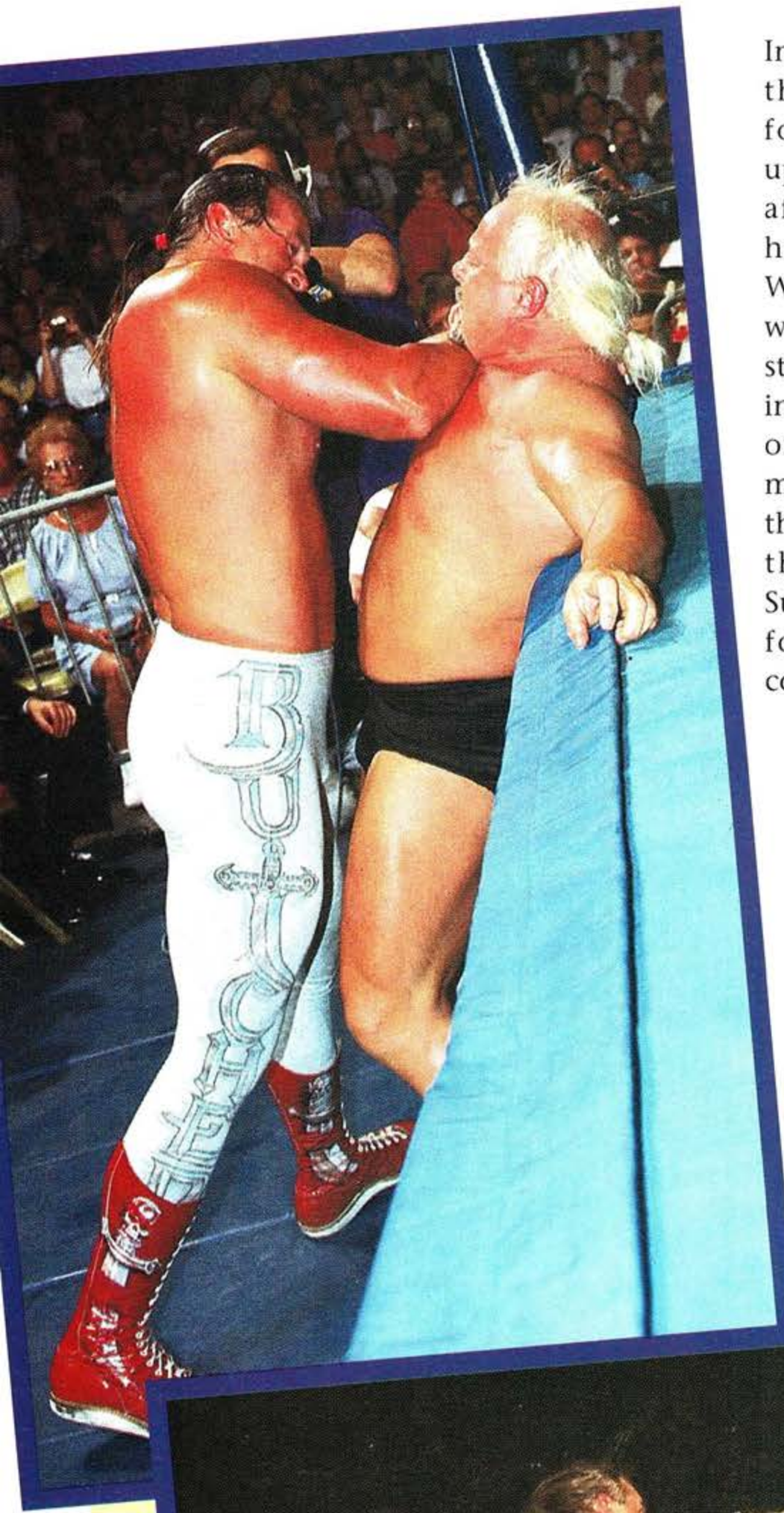


It was a night where the very best of the legends in the sport met today's hottest up-and-coming stars. WCW's Slamboree '95 was a huge success with fans and critics alike, presenting fans with some of the hardest-hitting action in recent memory. Join us now for an in-depth look at this stunning supercard!

REUNION



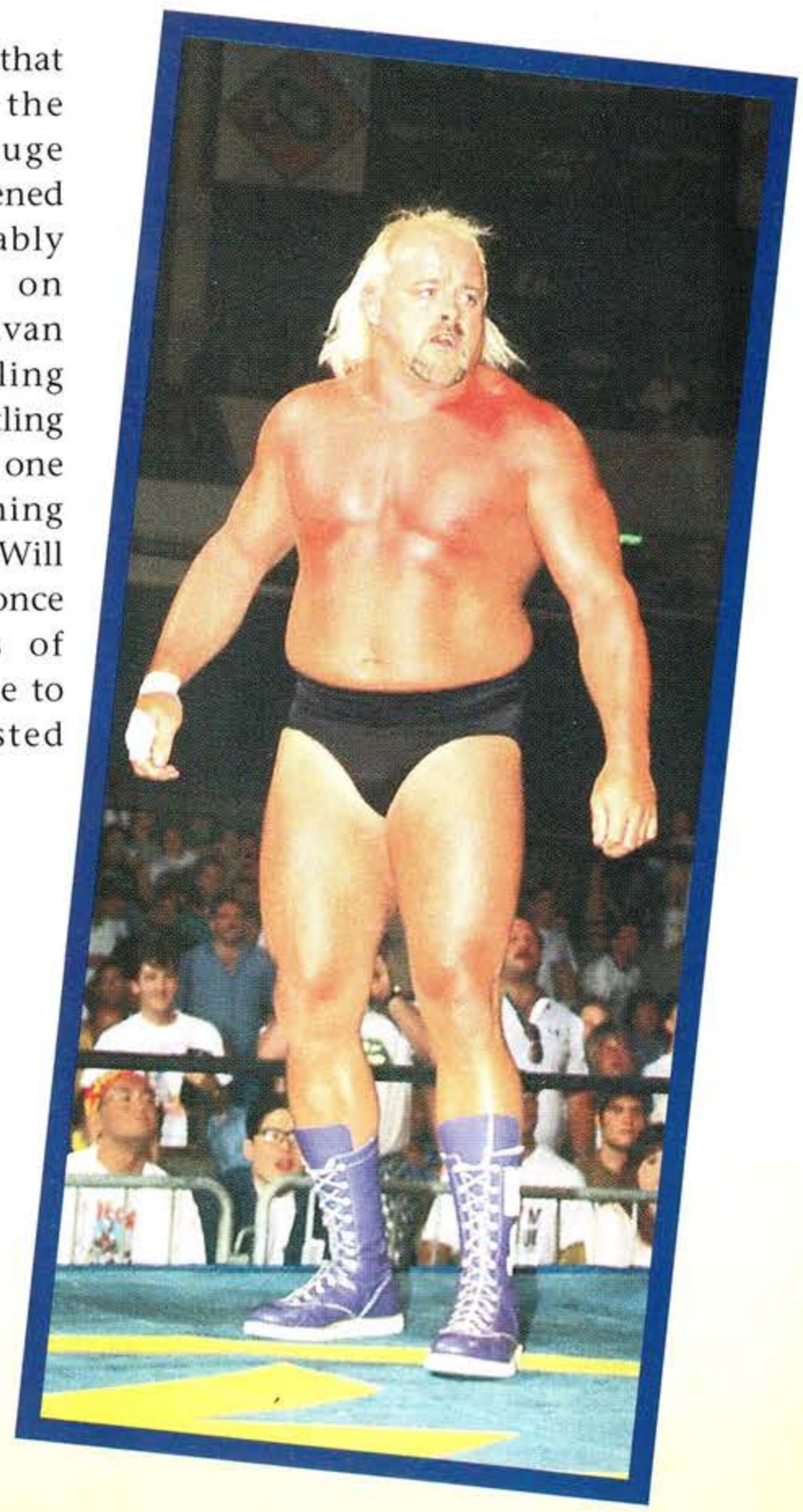


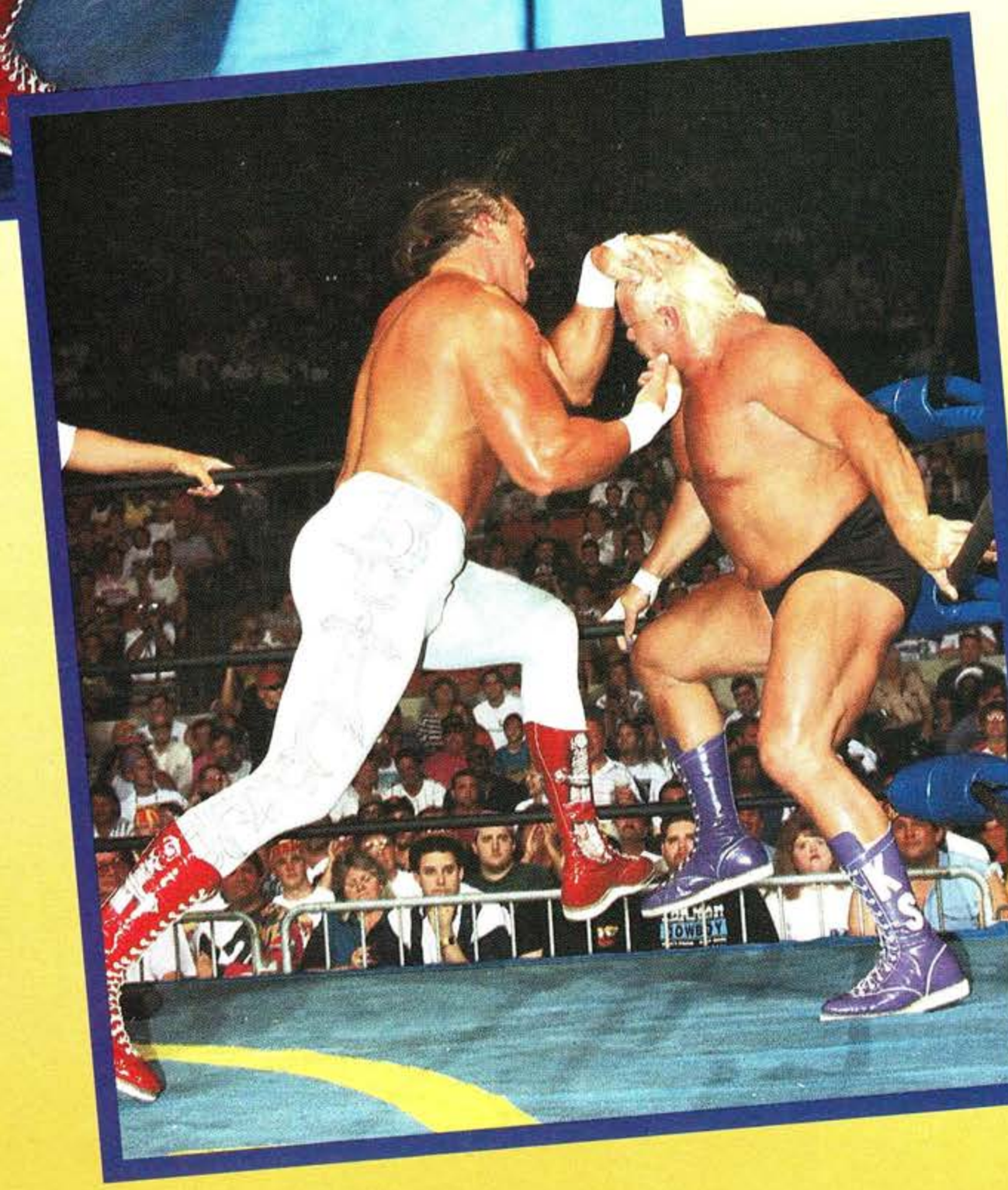


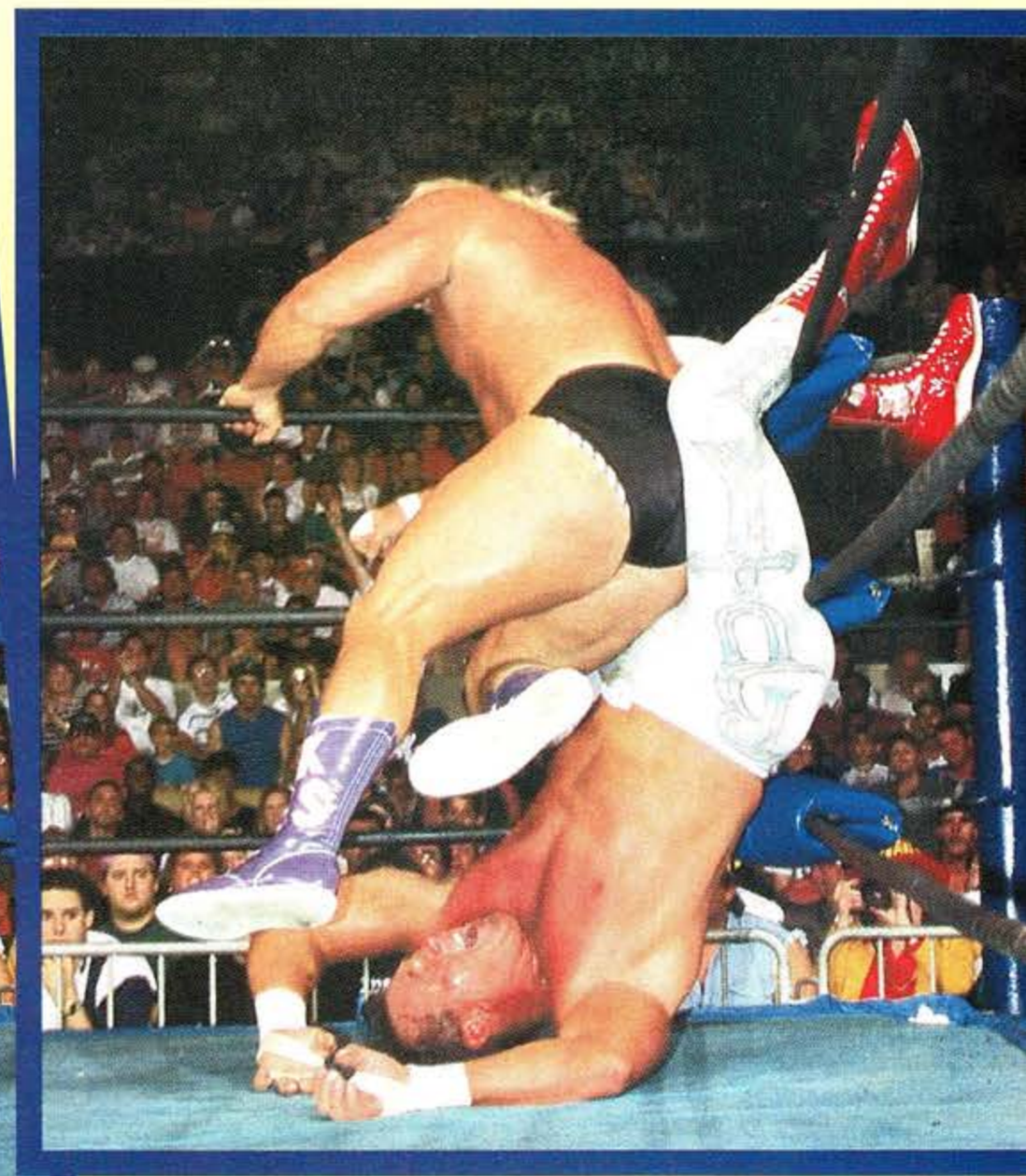
In the record books, it will say that the sadistic Sullivan pinned the former Butcher to score a huge upset. However, it's what happened after the bout that will probably have an even bigger effect on WCW history. Calling to Sullivan was the demonic Master, hurling strange words at Sullivan. Wrestling insiders know that the Master is one of the most devious and cunning men in the history of the sport. Will there be anything left of WCW once the amazingly cruel minds of Sullivan and the Master combine to form one of the most twisted combinations ever?

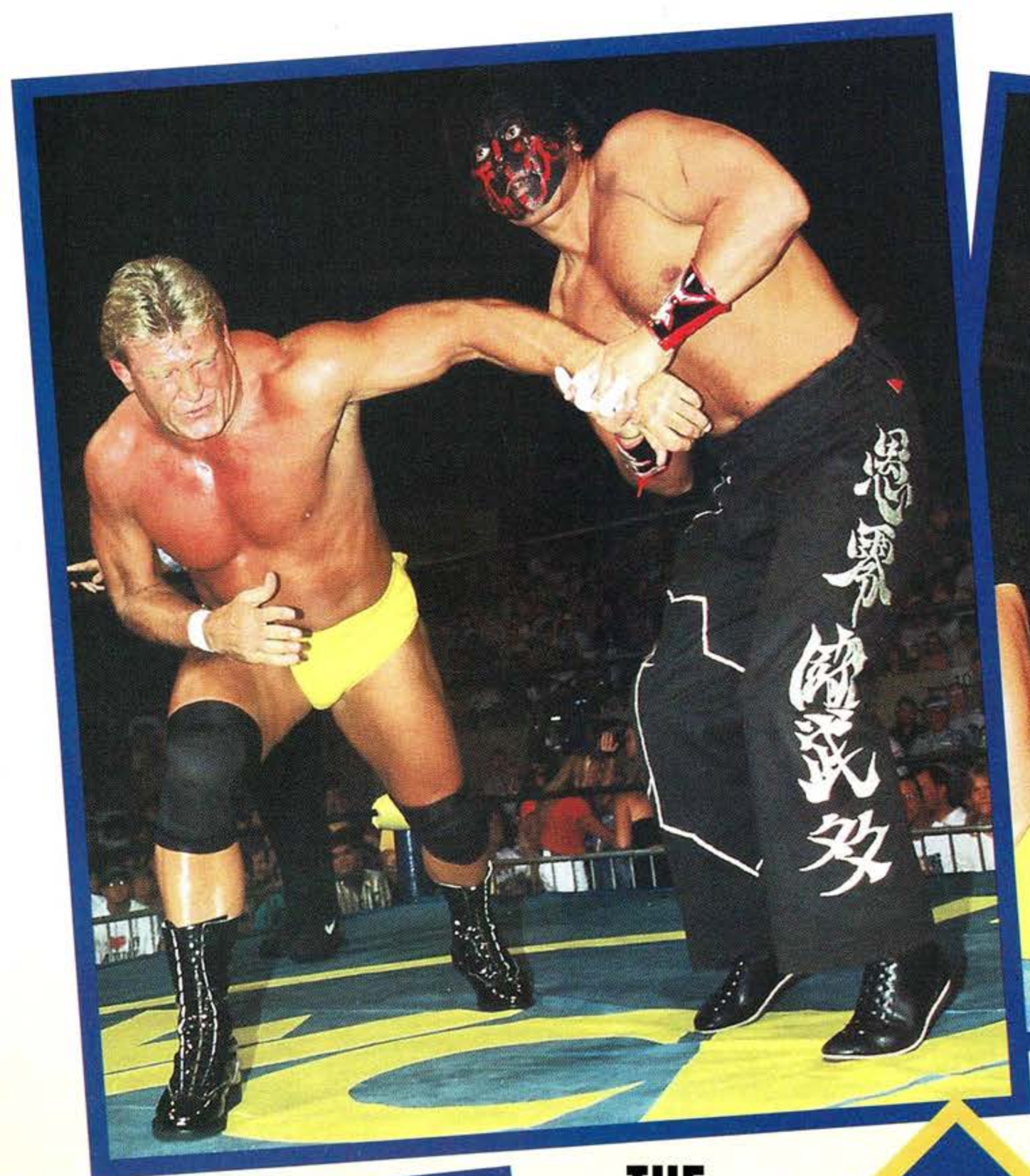
KEVIN SULLIVAN

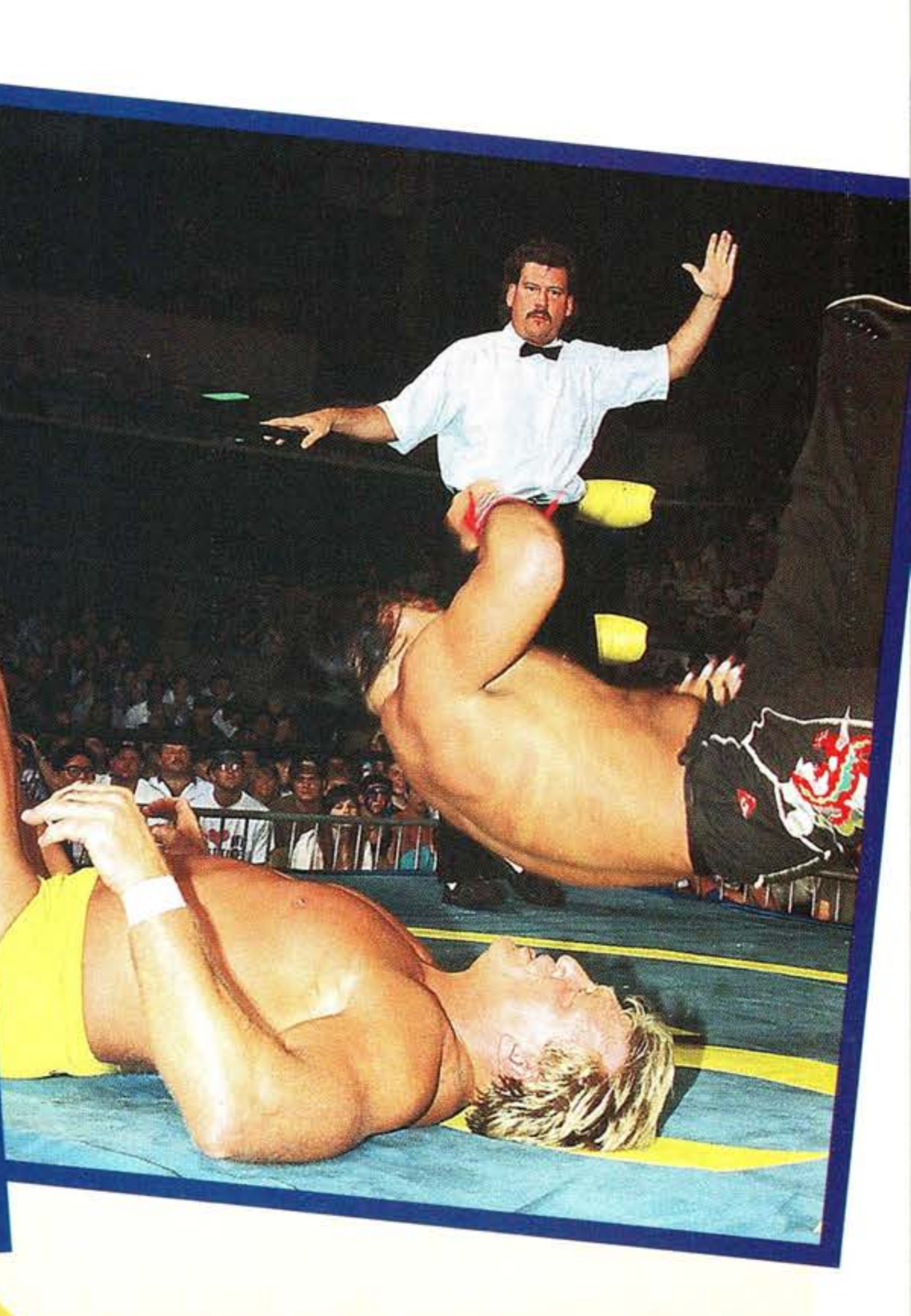
THE MAN WITH NO NAME









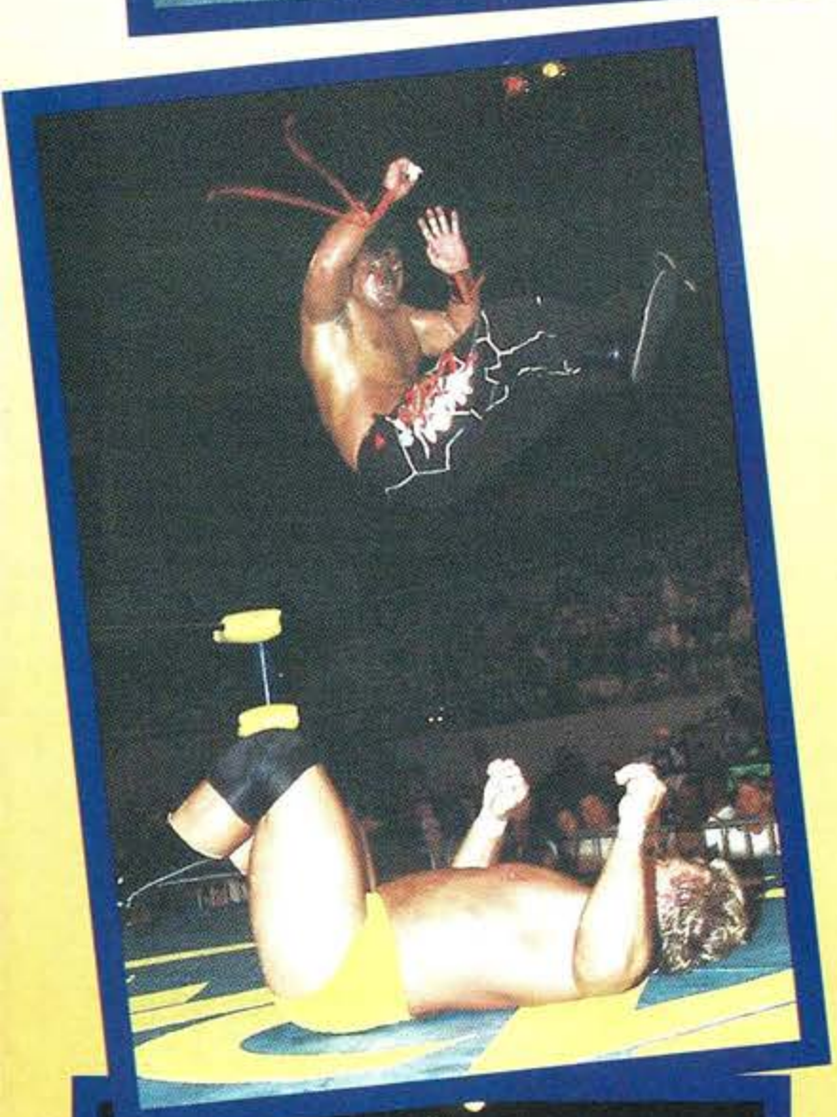


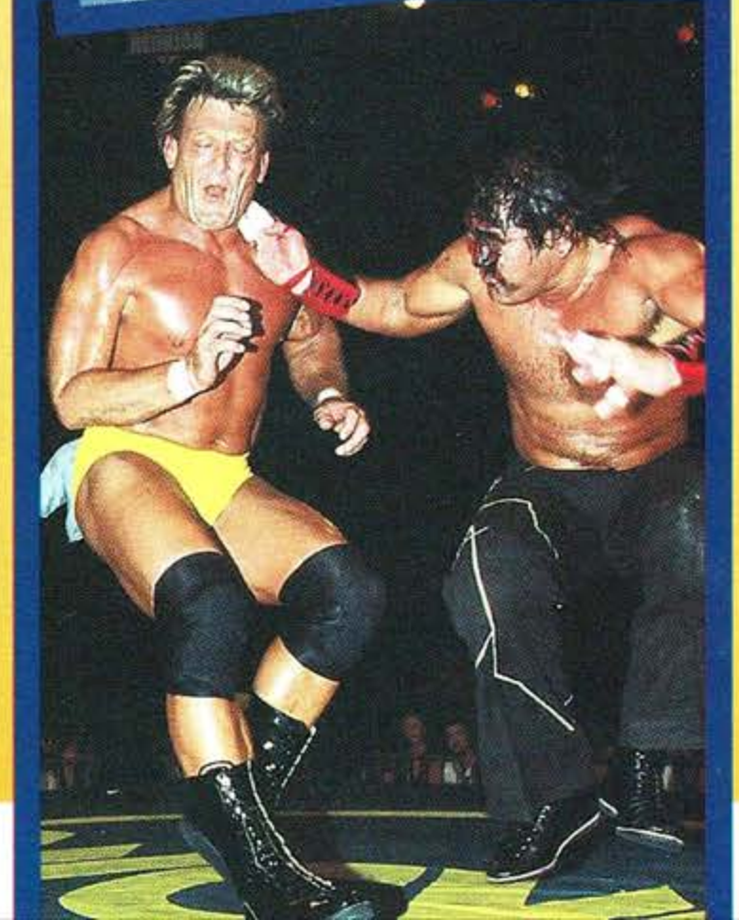
THE GREAT MUTA

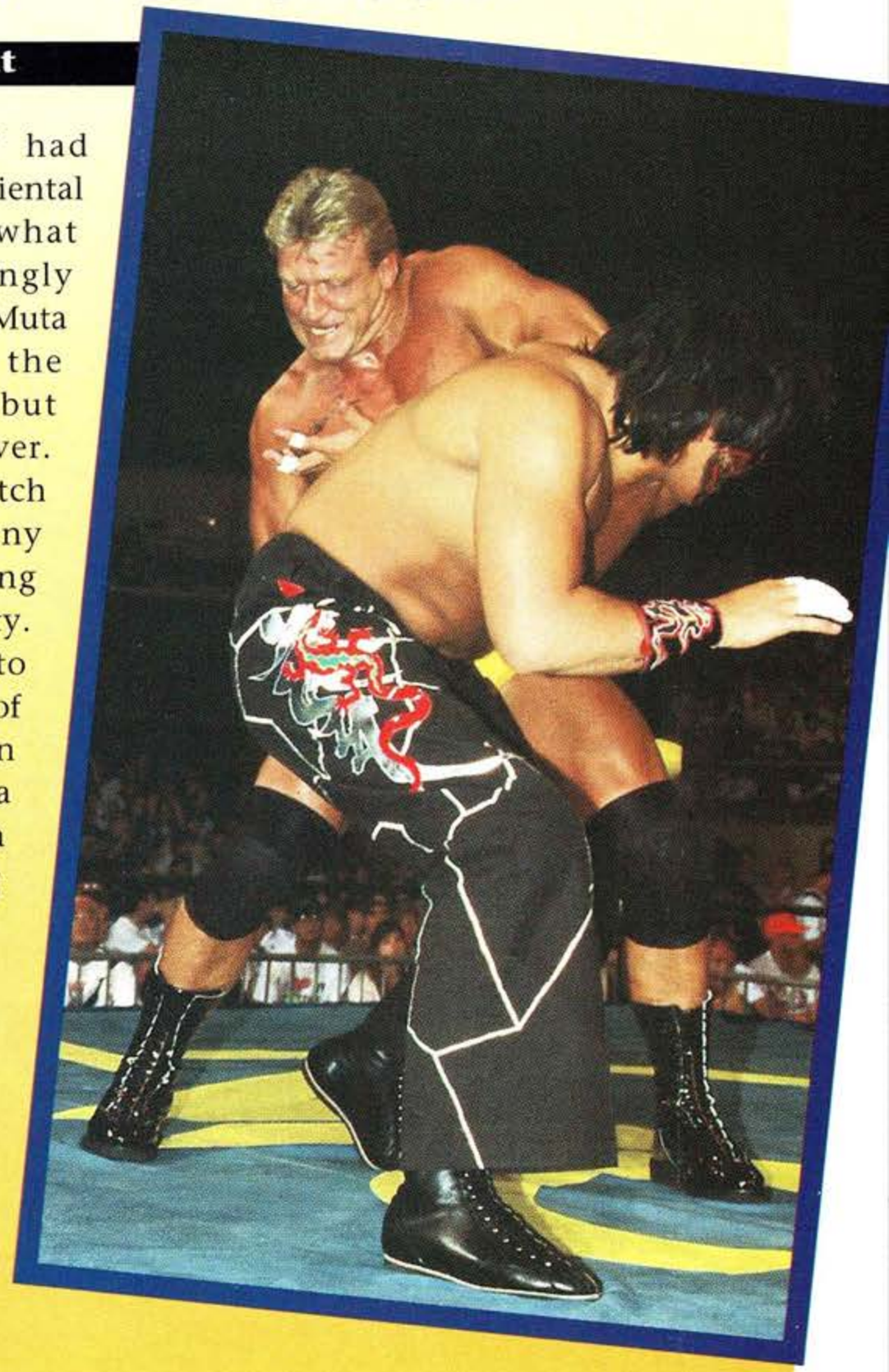
"Mr WONDERFUL" PAUL ORNDORFF

IWGP title bout

For months, fans in WCW had been clamoring for the great Oriental warrior, Muta and they got what they wanted in this shockingly competitive encounter. Perhaps Muta had discounted the skills of the veteran "Mr. Wonderful," but Orndorff looked as sharp as ever. He took control for a long stretch during the match with his canny blend of straight-ahead brawling and unmatched scientific ability. However, Muta was not going to be denied in front of hundreds of his Japanese fans who were in attendance! After absorbing a great deal of punishment, Muta scored with gorgeous handspring flying-elbow. Moments later, the moonsault (the maneuver that he invented and perfected) helped Muta score one of the biggest U.S. victories of his already heralded career. Will we see more of Muta? WCW fans can only hope!

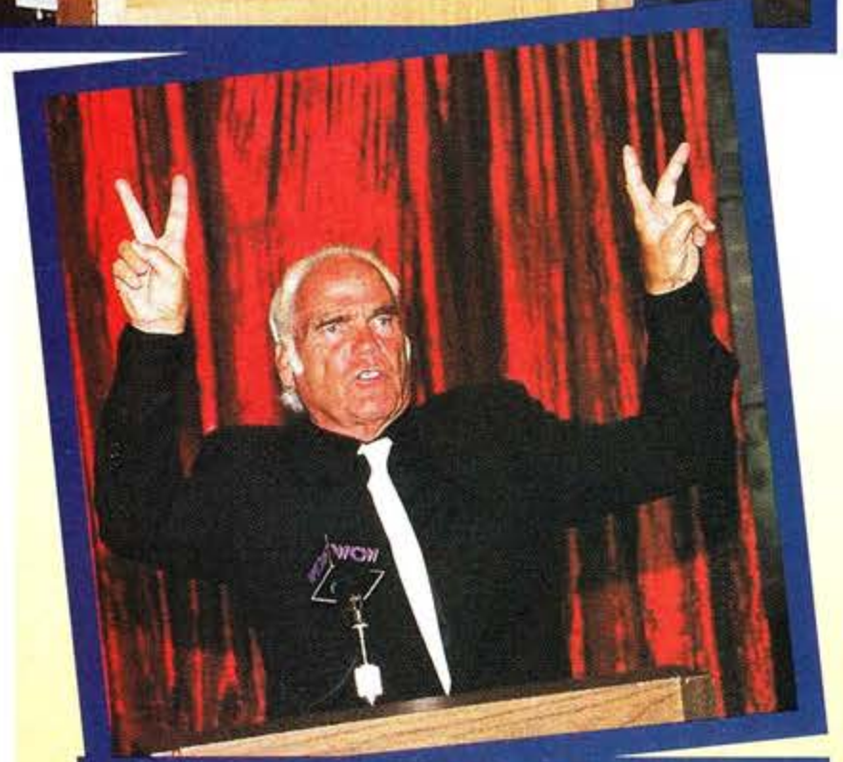


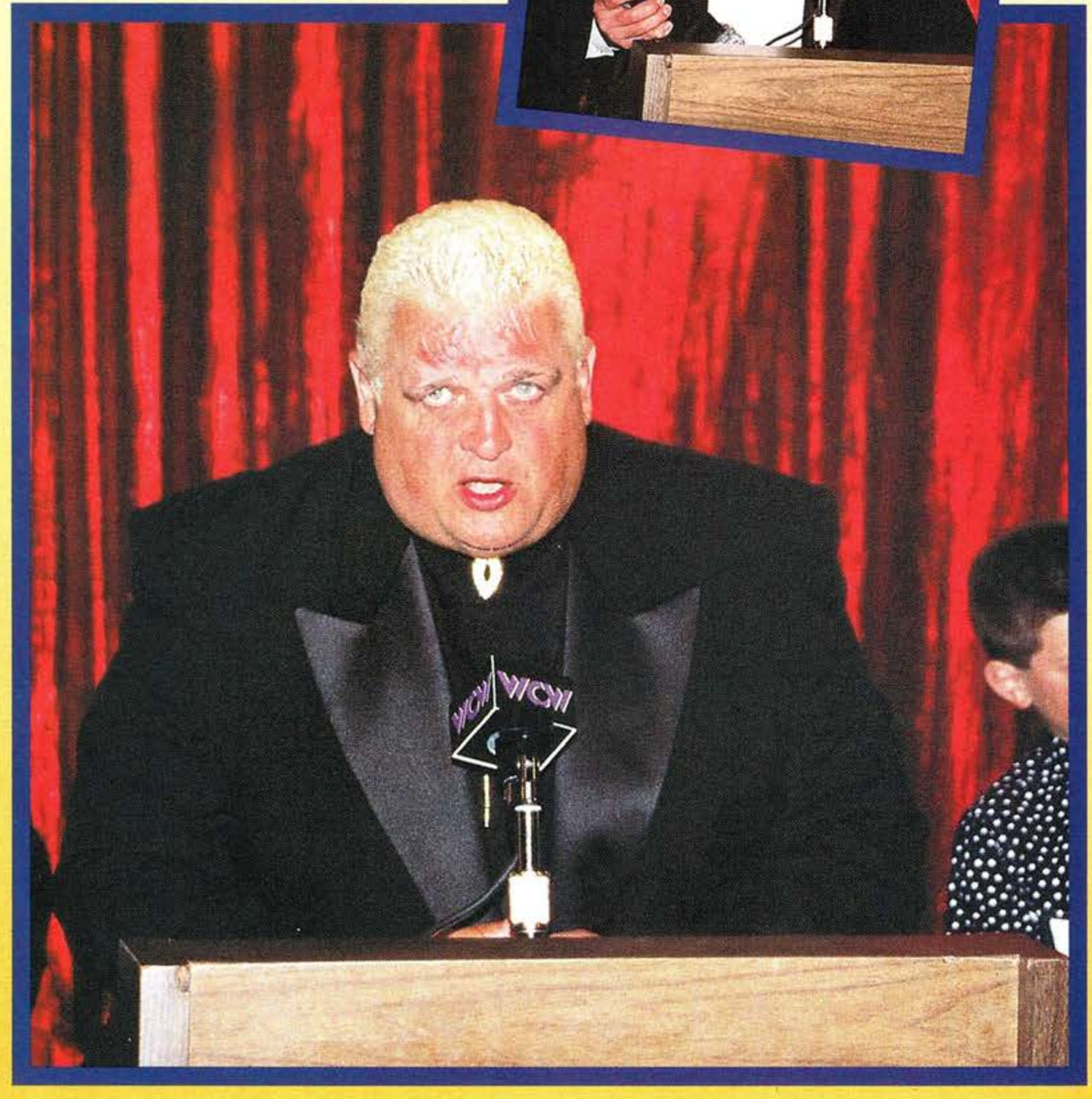


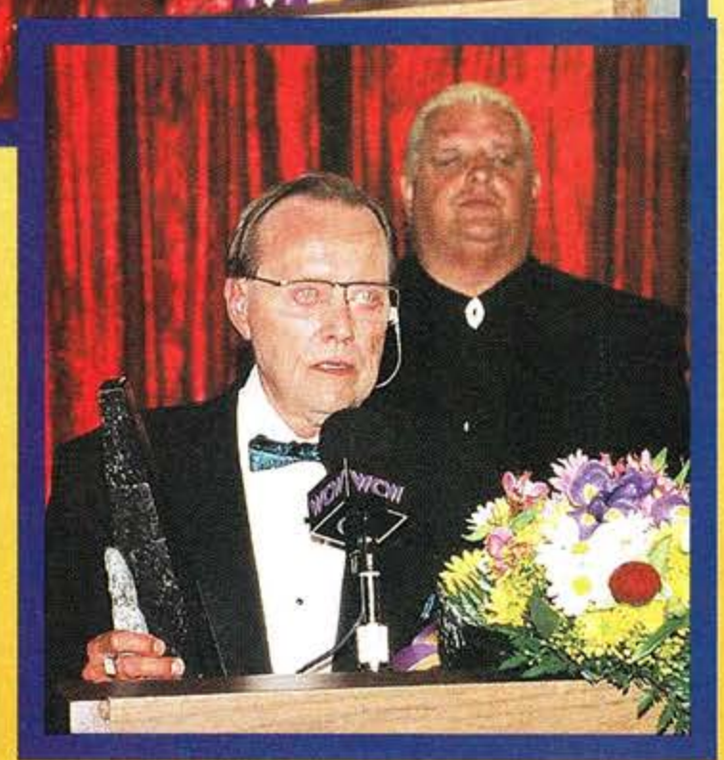


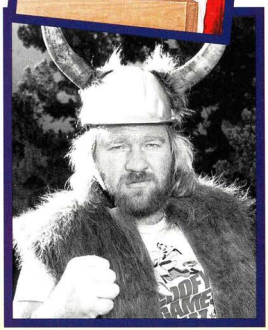
HALL OF FAME CEREMONIES

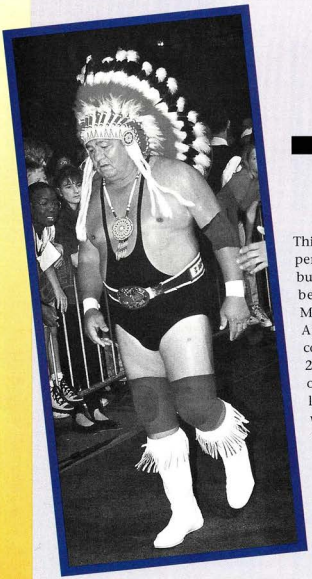
In one of the most touching ceremonies in WCW history, mat legends Dusty Rhodes, Terry Funk, Angelo Poffo, Wahoo McDaniel and Antonio Inoki were inducted into the Hall of Fame of wrestling's most honored organization. In addition, WCW and broadcaster Gordon Solie were proud to present a Hall Of Fame award to John Robert Minton, the son of the great Big John Studd, who had died just months earlier. However, the biggest shock came when the usually unflappable Gordon Solie, was inducted into the Hall Of Fame by Rhodes. Gordon couldn't believe his eyes, but the fans responded with a huge ovation for one of the most legendary figures in wrestling's television history!











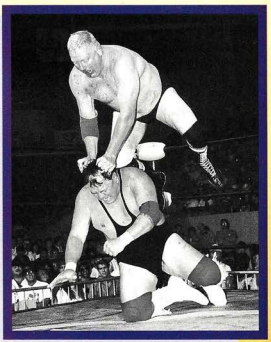
"DIRTY" DICK MURDOCH

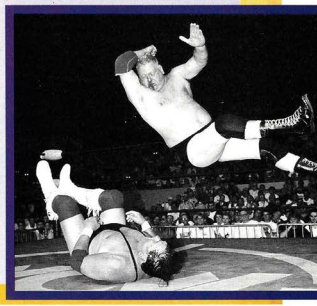
VS

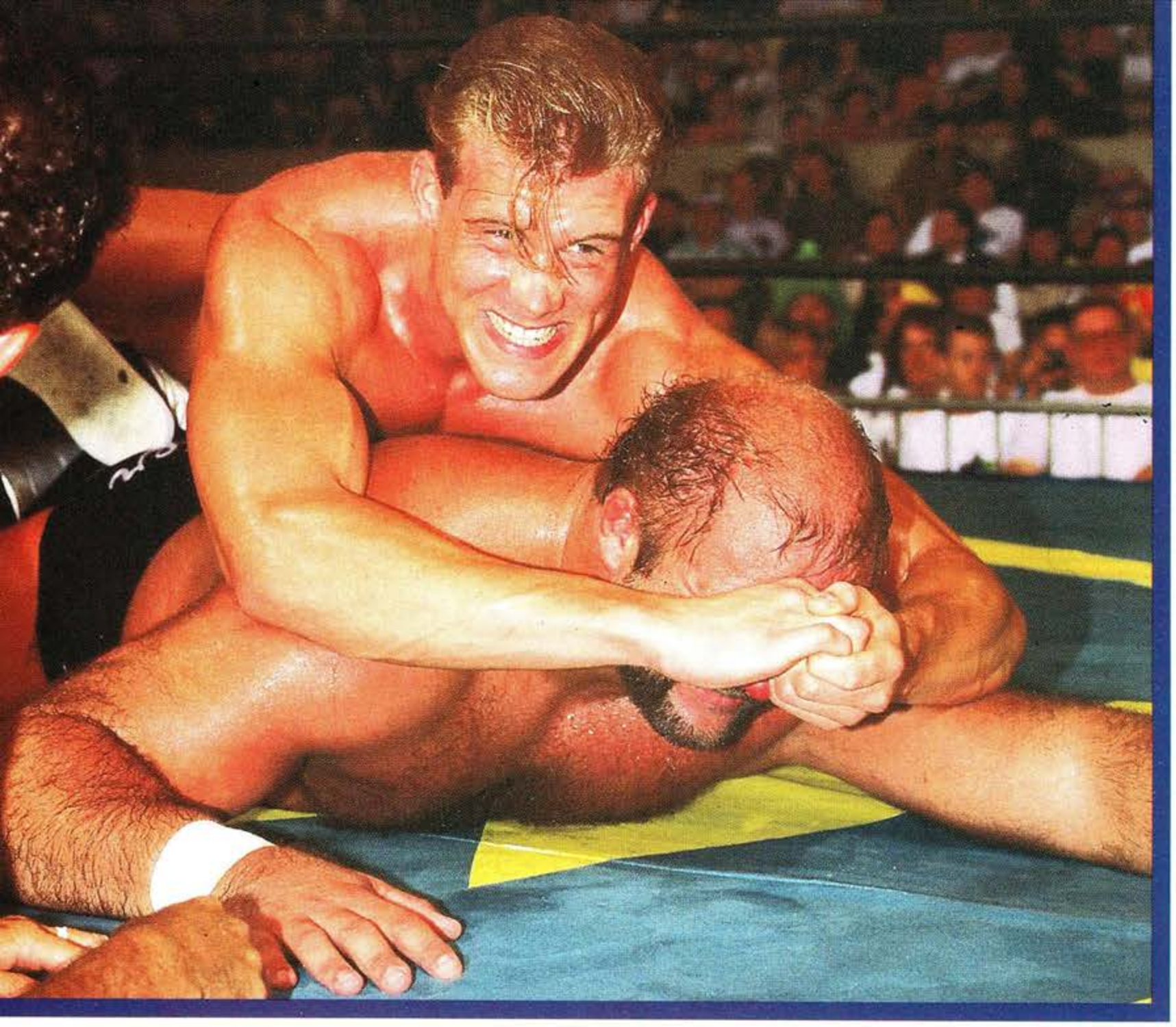
Legends Match

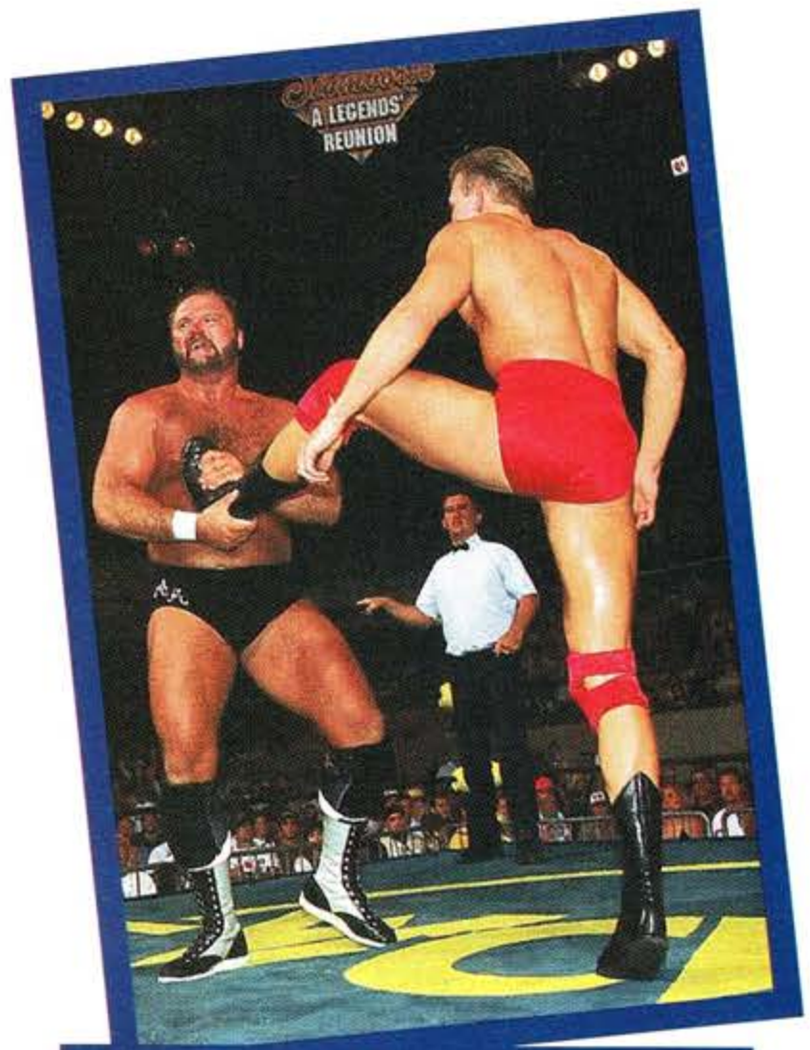
WAHOO McDANIEL

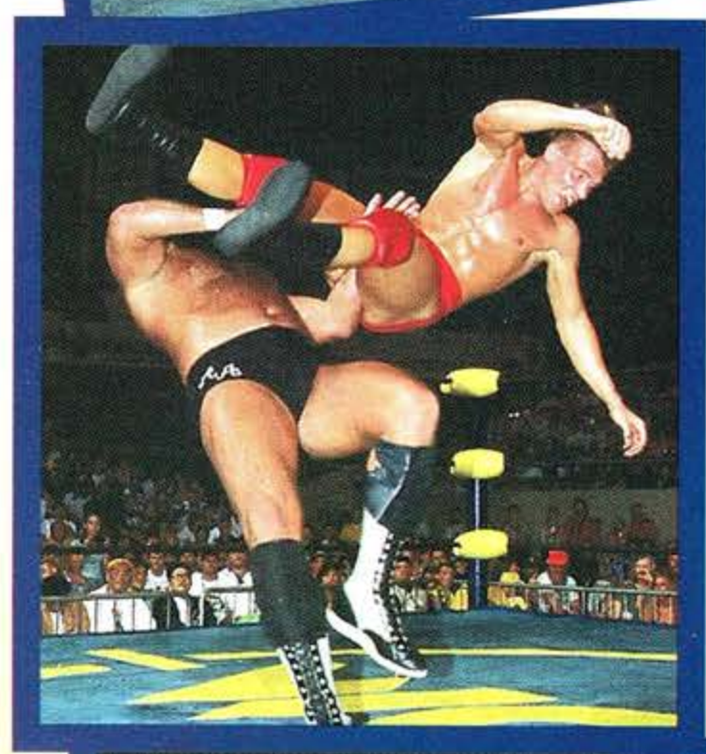
This bout was broadcast on the pay-per-view card in black and white, but it was a full color brawl from bell to bell! Incredibly, both Murdoch and the legendary Native American star looked as if they could still be ranked in WCW's top 20 as they engaged in some good old fashioned 'rasslin. Murdoch looked on the verge of victory when he scored with a flying knee from the top turnbuckle to Wahoo's back. However, when Wahoo blasted Dick with one of his legendary tomahawk chops, fans knew the victory was academic and that they had watched true mat greatness.

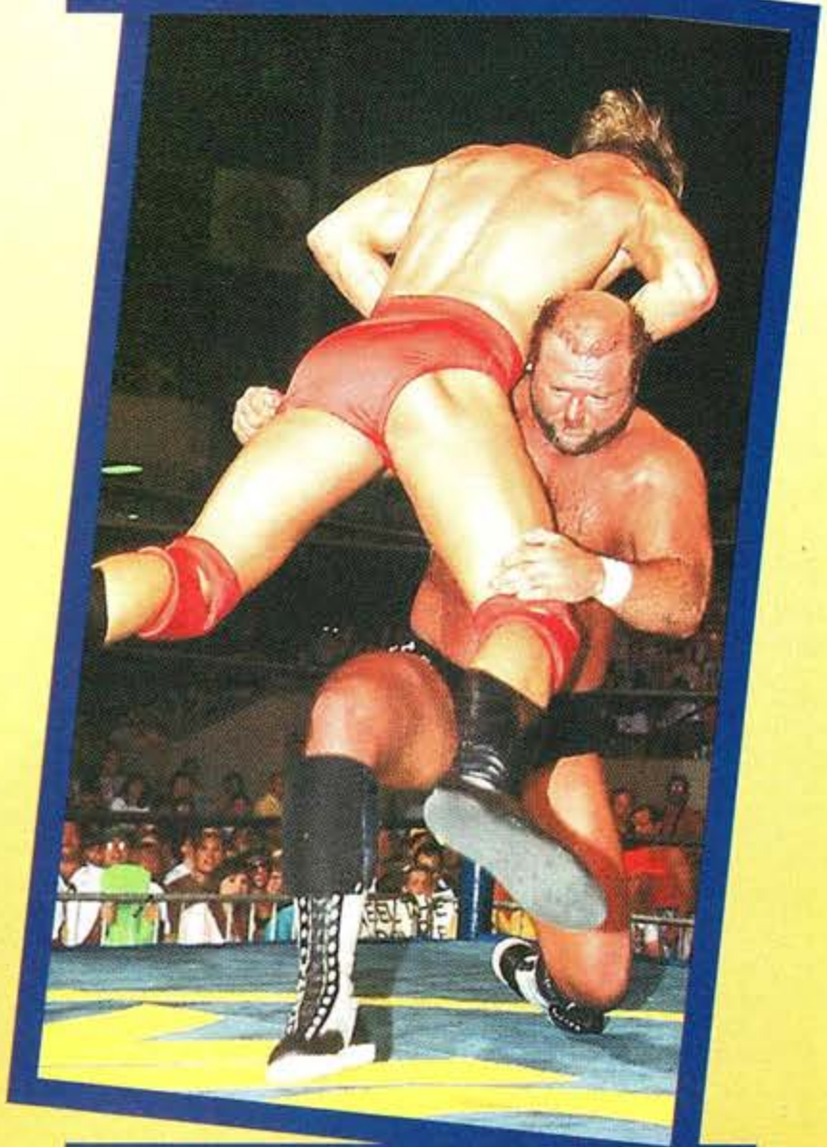


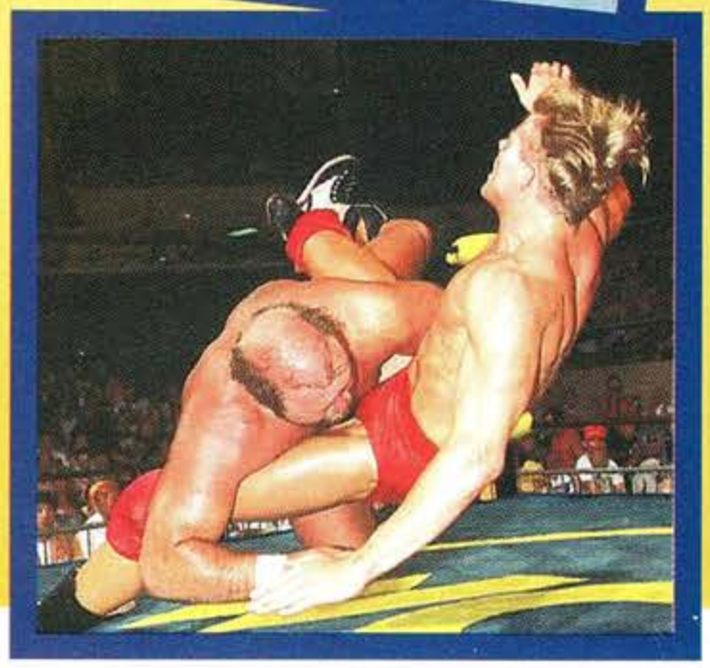








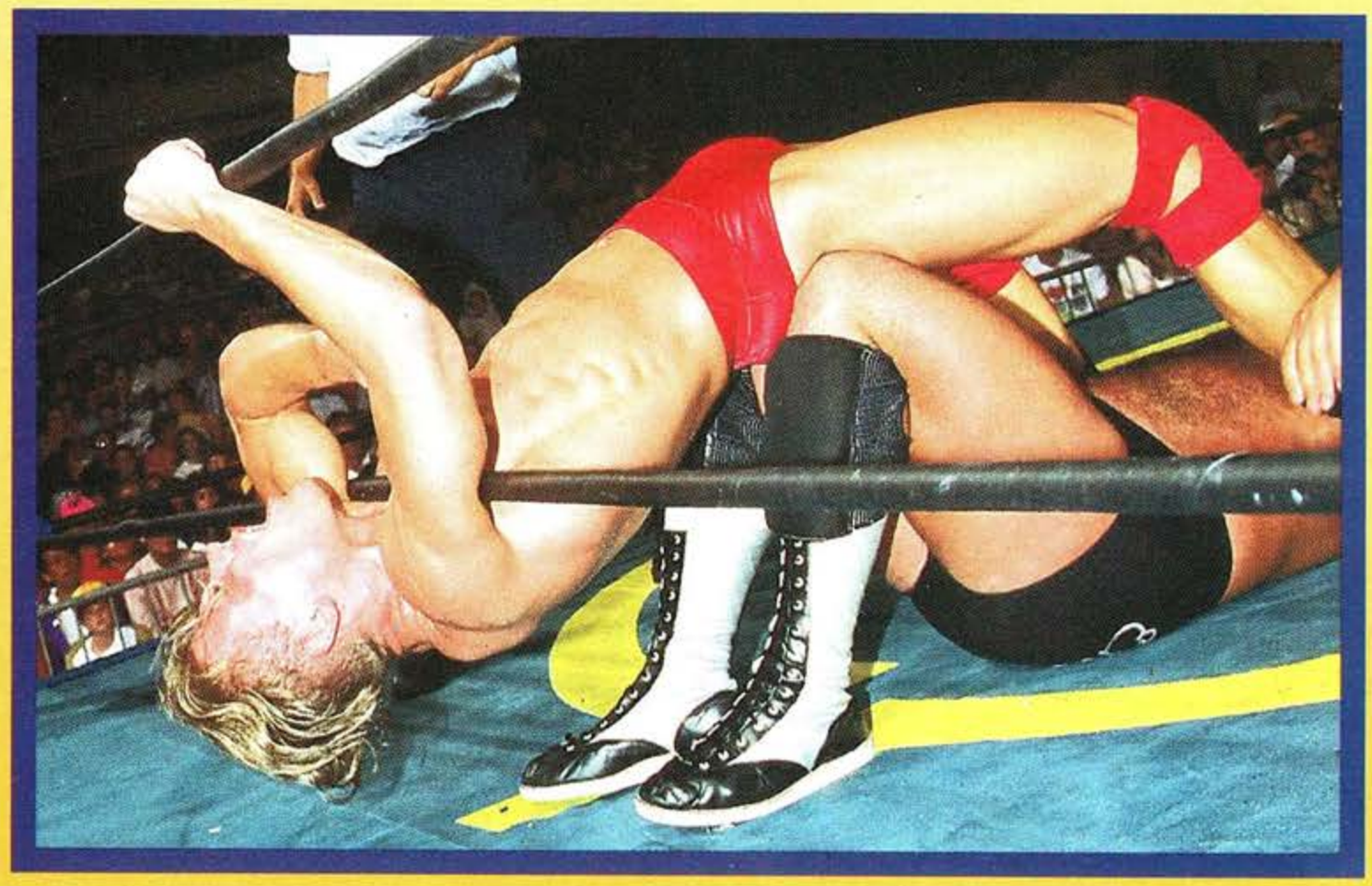




ARN ANDERSON *vs* ALEX WRIGHT

WCW World Television Championship match

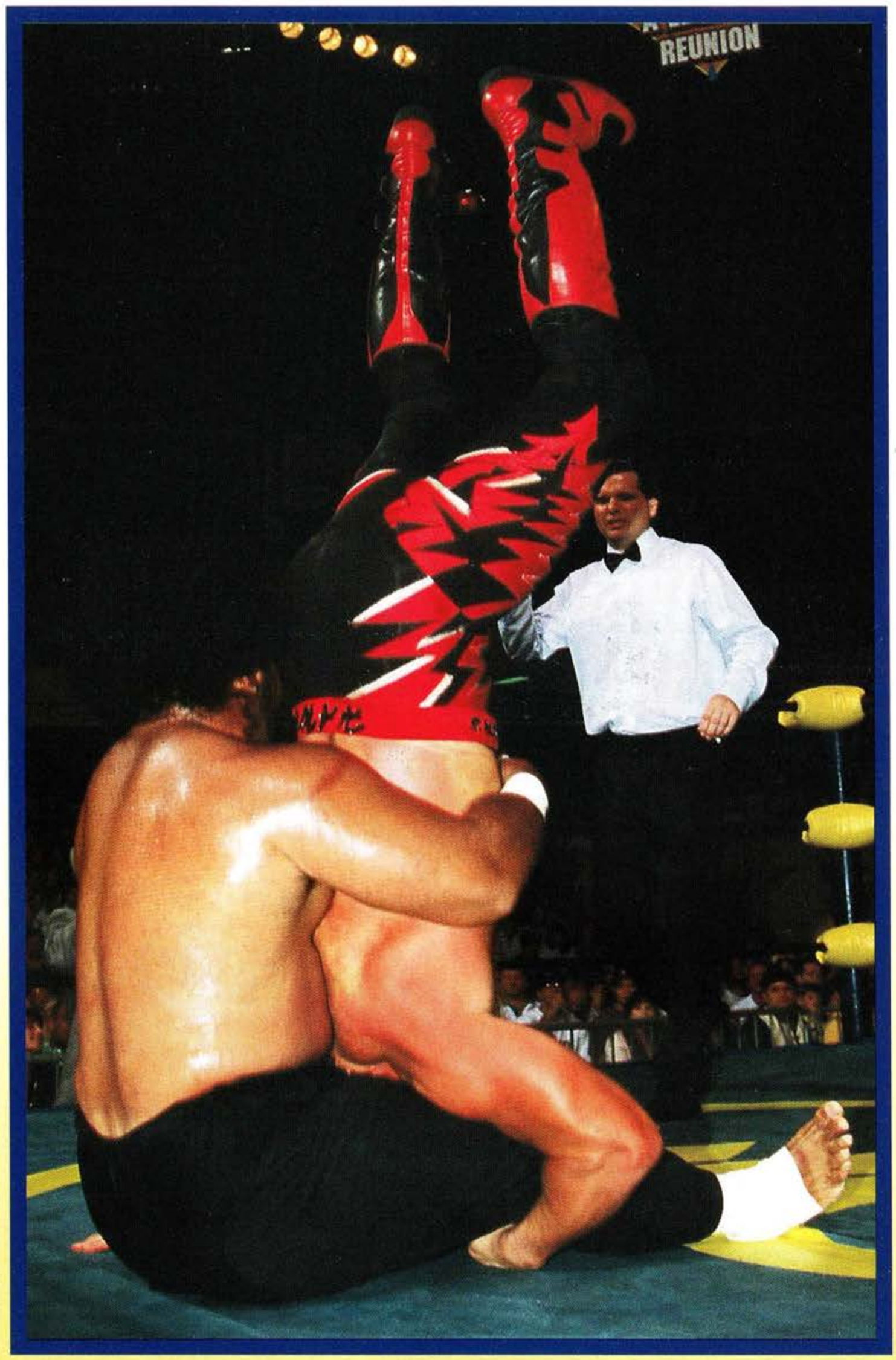
This was the opportunity that Das Wunderkind had long awaited. It was his chance to take on the veteran "Enforcer" one-on-one on a major Pay-Per-View. WCW can no longer be surprised by this teenager once again overachieving because Alex showed why he's one of the sport's most sensational young athletes. To Anderson's credit, he wrestled Wright without the aid of outside assistance, something that's tainted many of his title victories in recent months. In the end, however, it was a rookie mistake–Alex ducking a punch and leaving him easy game for a crushing Anderson DDT–that meant the difference in this match. Wright lost, but you can be sure the WCW Championship Committee will give him more title chances in the near future!

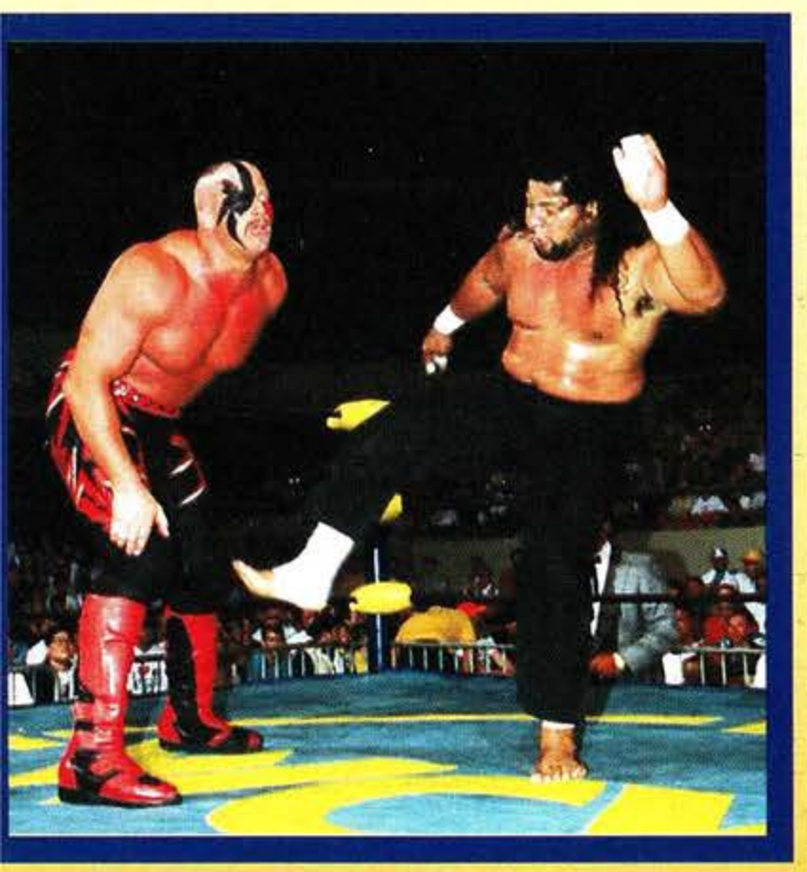


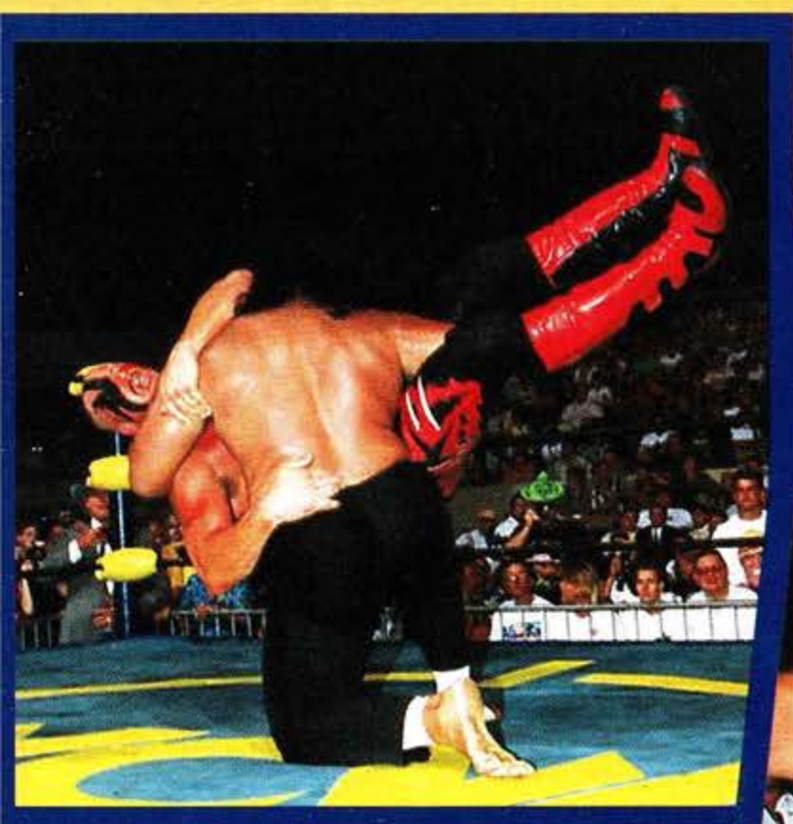
MENG

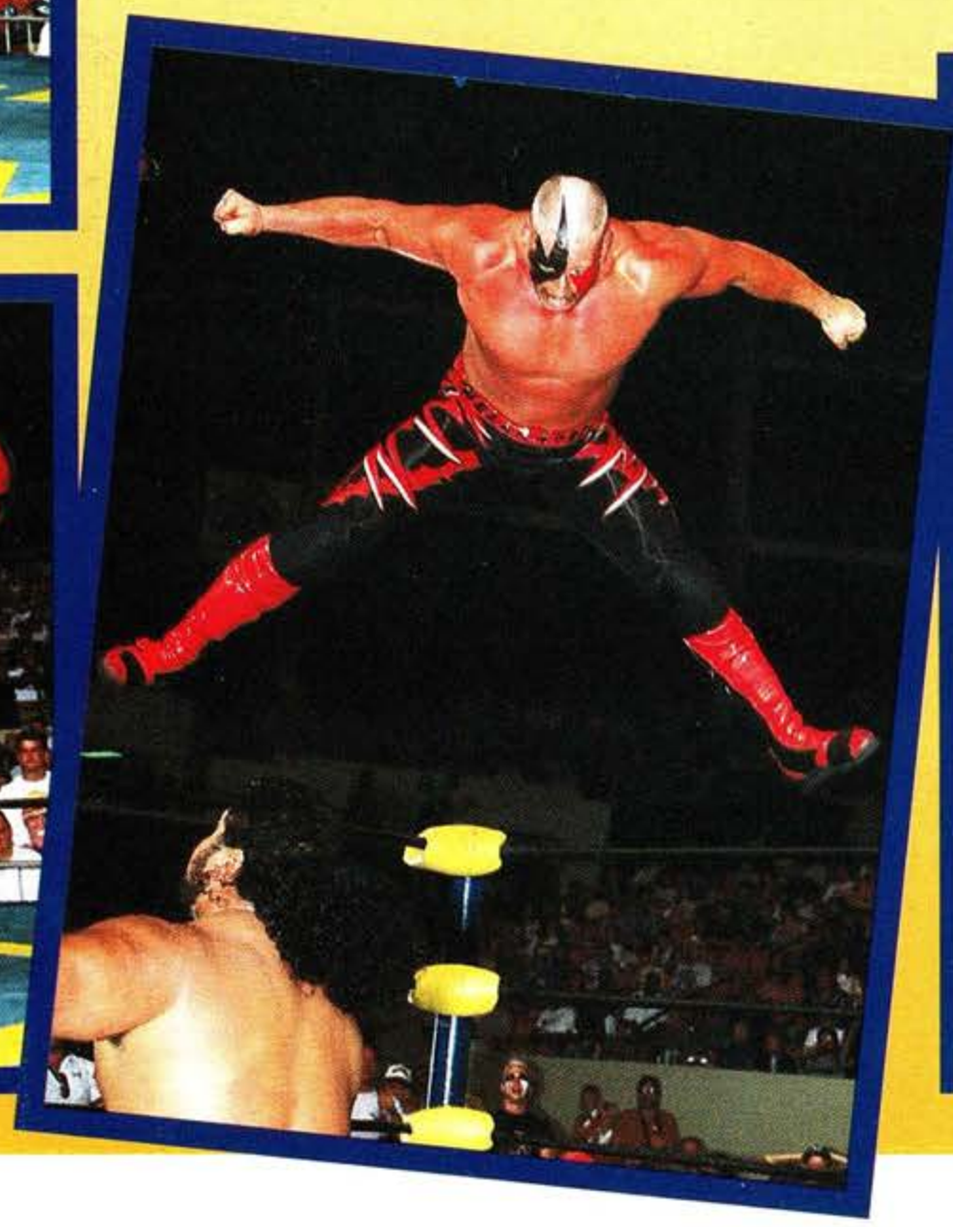
HAWK

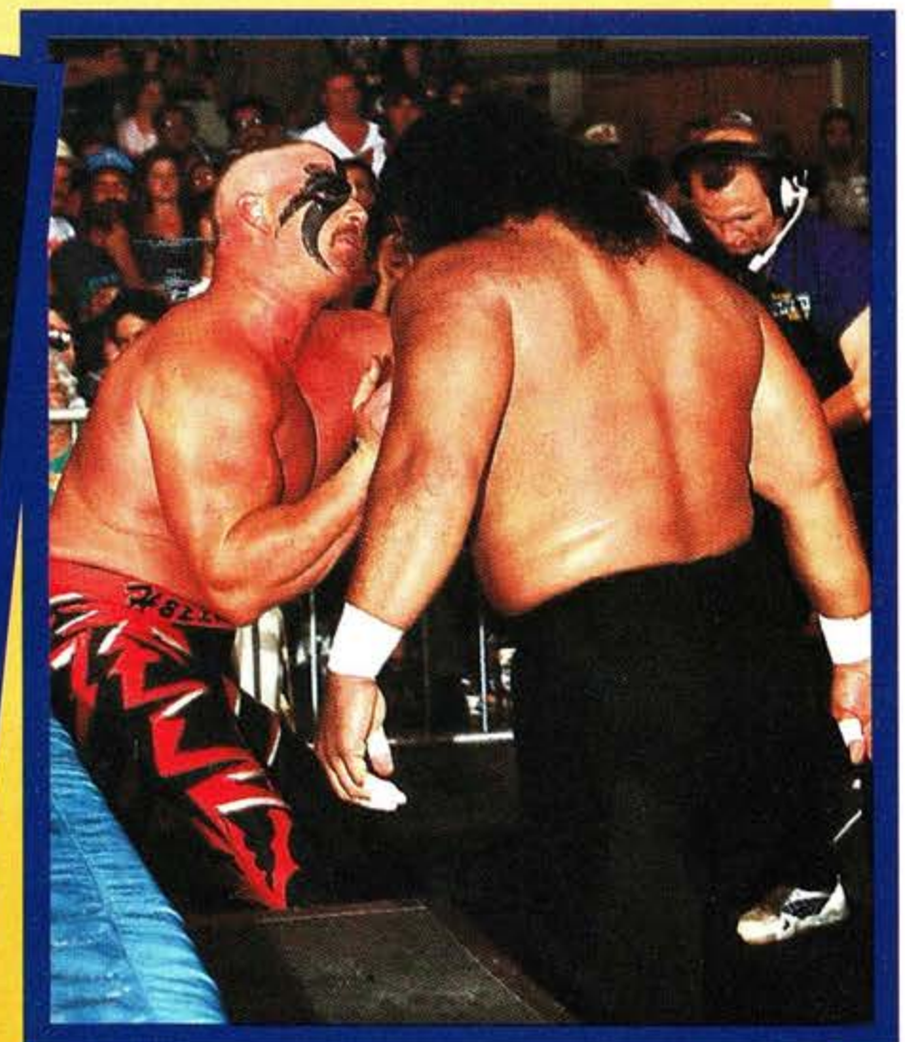
This surprise bonus match was added to the card when Road Warrior Hawk ran to the ring after Meng's victory over Brian Pillman on the preceding **Main Event** program. Instantly, a new feud was born and WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel ordered that the match immediately take place. If you like violent, unbridled action, this was the bout for you. Hawk went at the previously unstoppable Meng with guns blazing, sending Meng's manager, Col. Parker, into a panic! Tempers cost both men the bout when they were counted out for brawling outside the ring, but this is a dream matchup that WCW fans are sure to be asking for in the weeks and months to come.

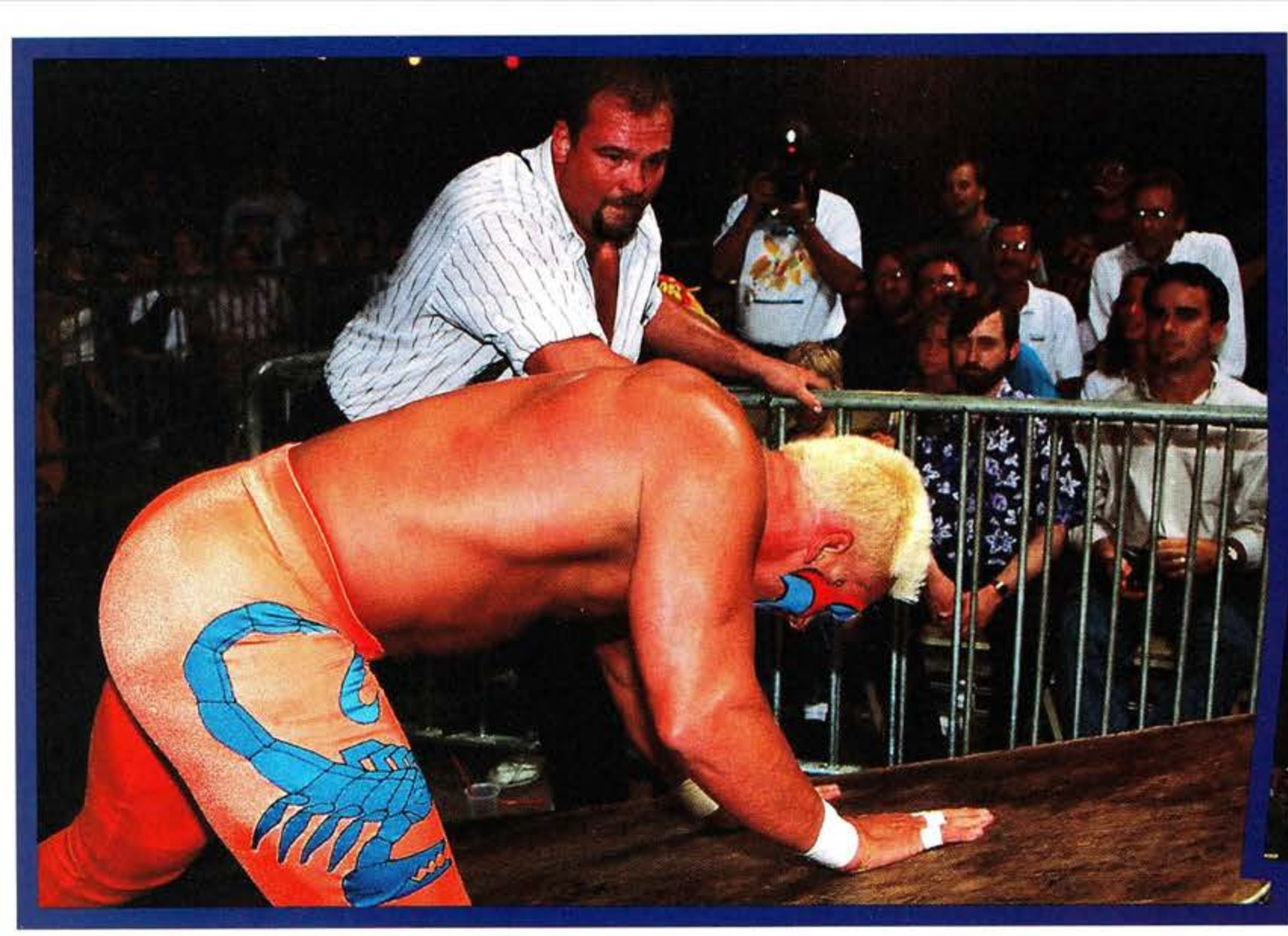


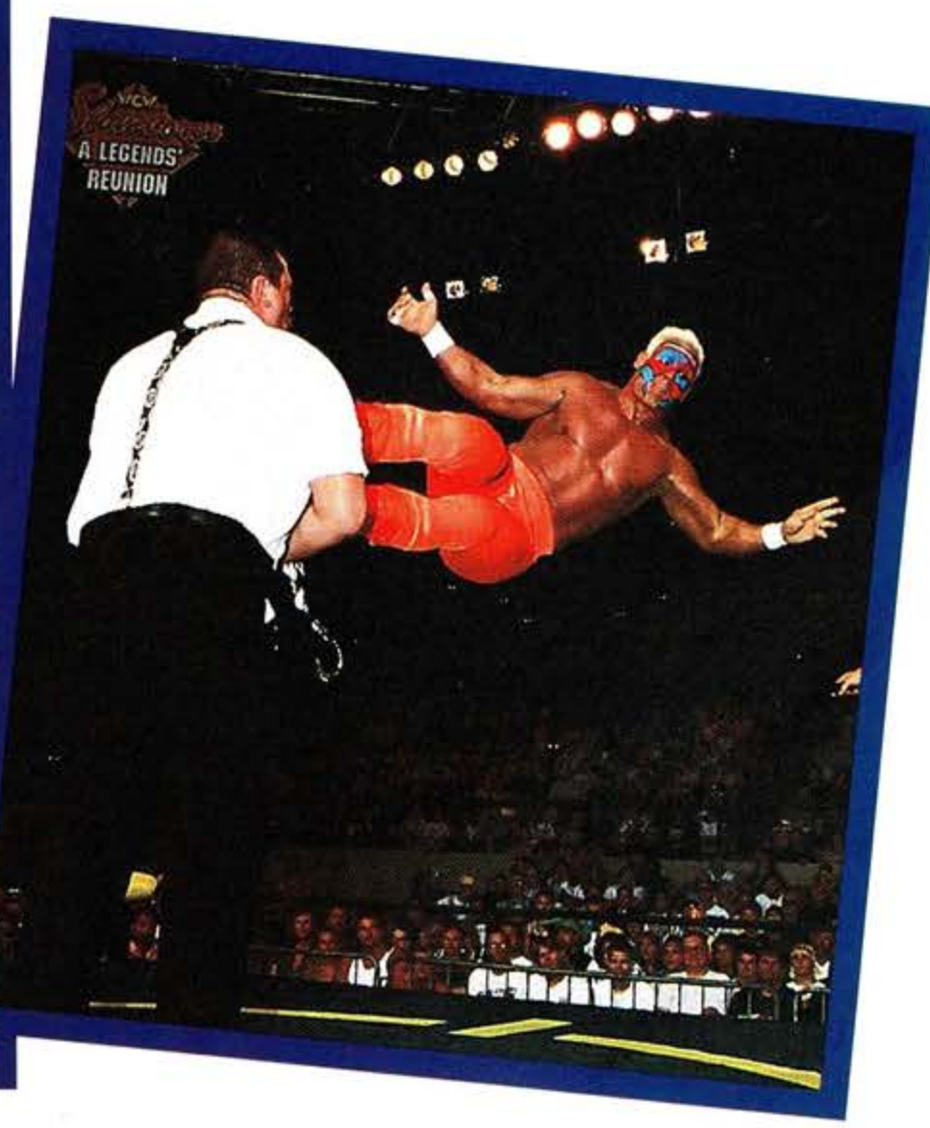








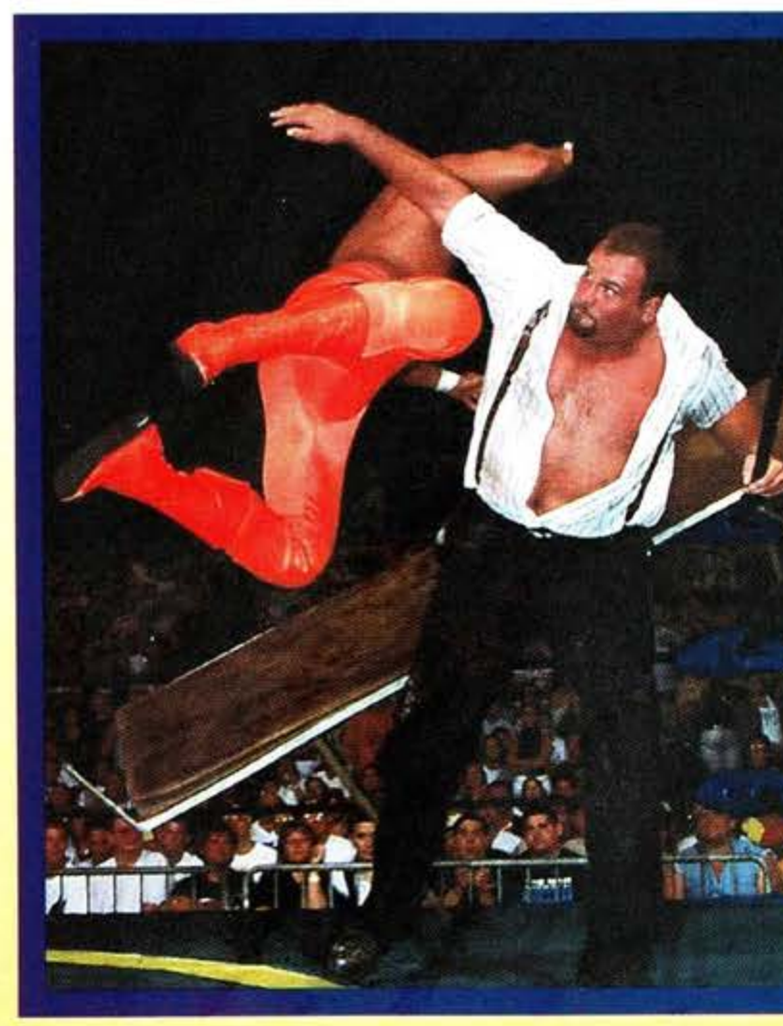


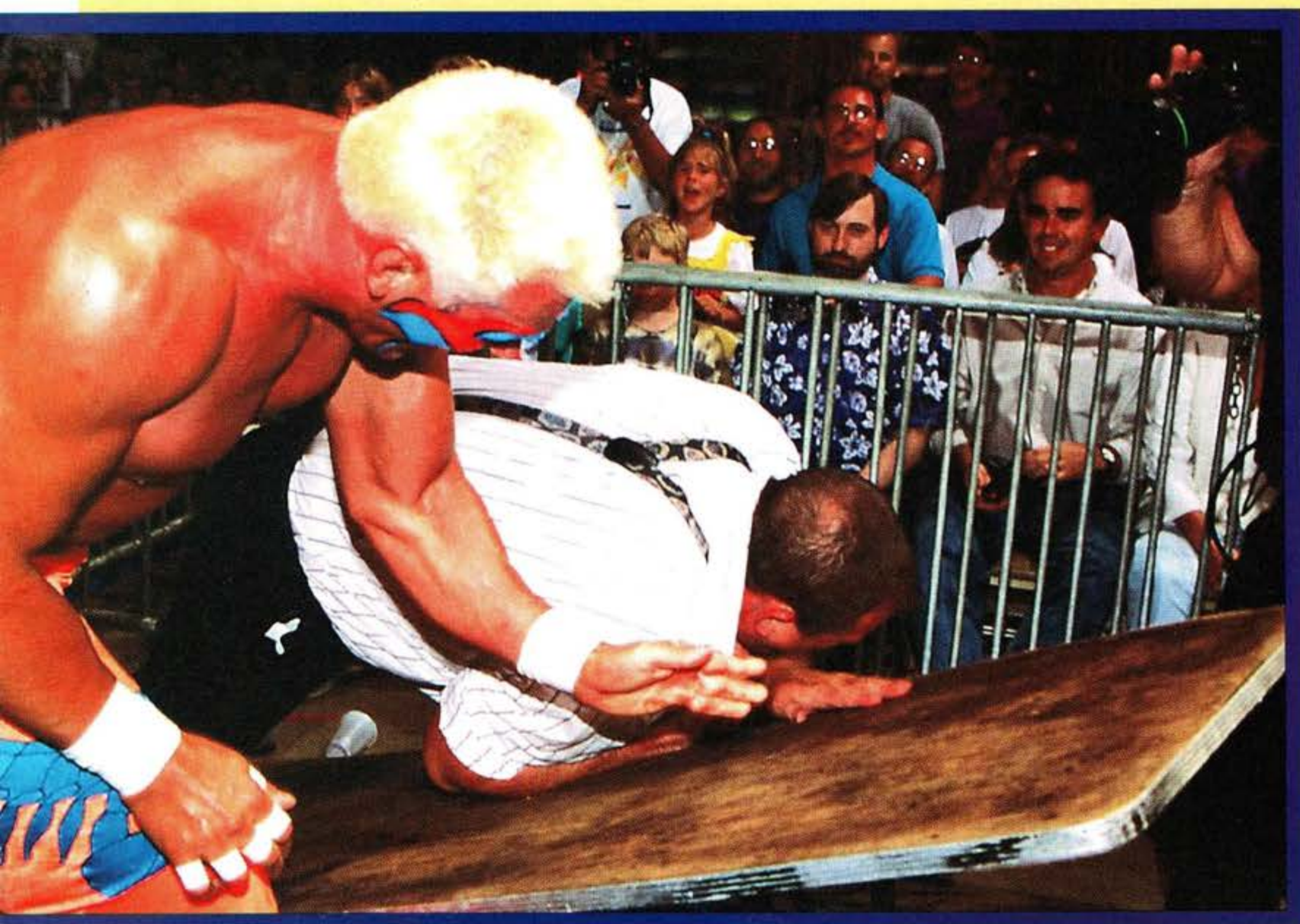


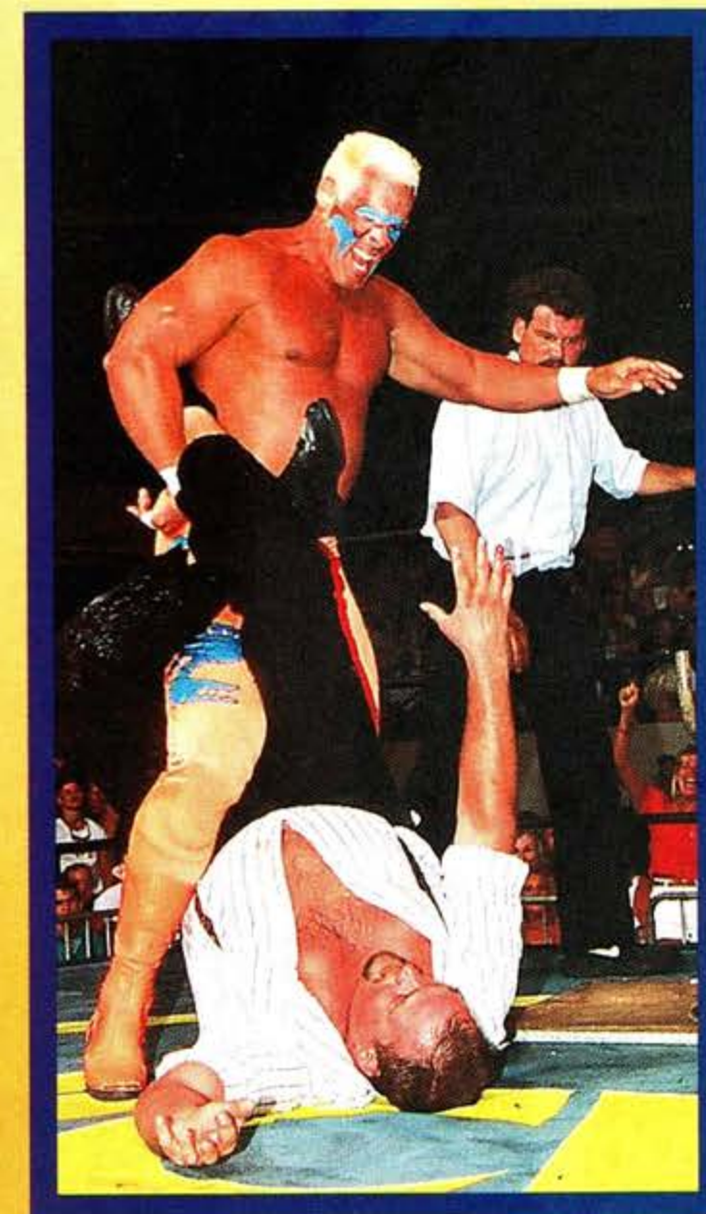
STING BIG BUBBA

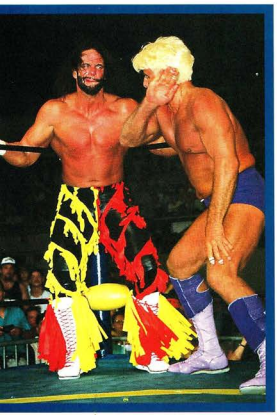
Lights Out Match

Revenge is never so sweet as when it comes to those who deserve it. During their previous encounter, Sting suffered a rare pinfall loss when he accidentally injured his knee. This time, Sting, knowing that there were no rules, pulled out all the stops. He came to the ring to take on his Cobb County enemy armed with a huge wooden folding table, but soon Bubba used the table, as well as a handful of blinding powder, against WCW's favorite personality. It showed just how low the former fan favorite would go to score a victory, but all the chicanery in the world couldn't help Bubba when he got caught in Sting's Scorpion Deathlock. Clearly, Bubba's submission was sweet vindication for the Stinger as well as a stirring and exciting victory.







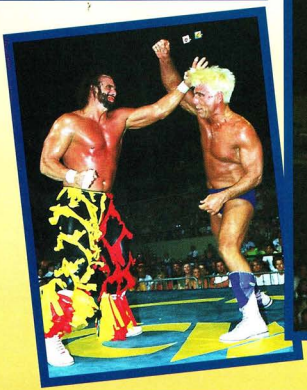


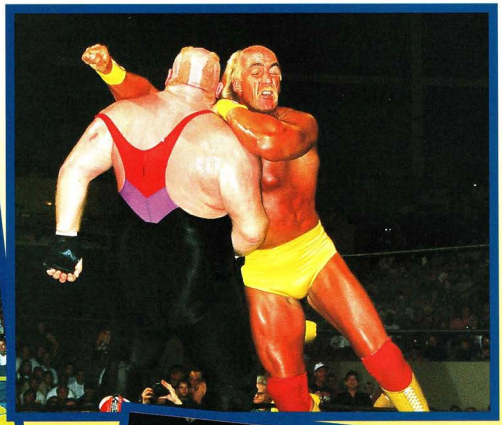
FLAIR & VADER

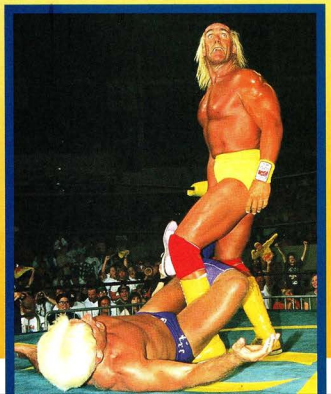
HOGAN & SAVAGE

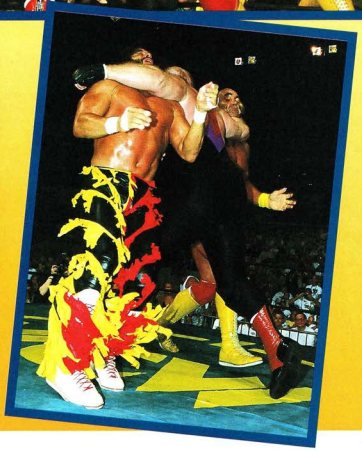
The sides were set. It was to be Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage on one side, backed up by manager Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart and the mysterious Renegade. On the other side, Ric Flair and Vader were backed up by Arn Anderson. Fans knew this was going to be a war and that's just what they got as these legends locked up in an all-action encounter.

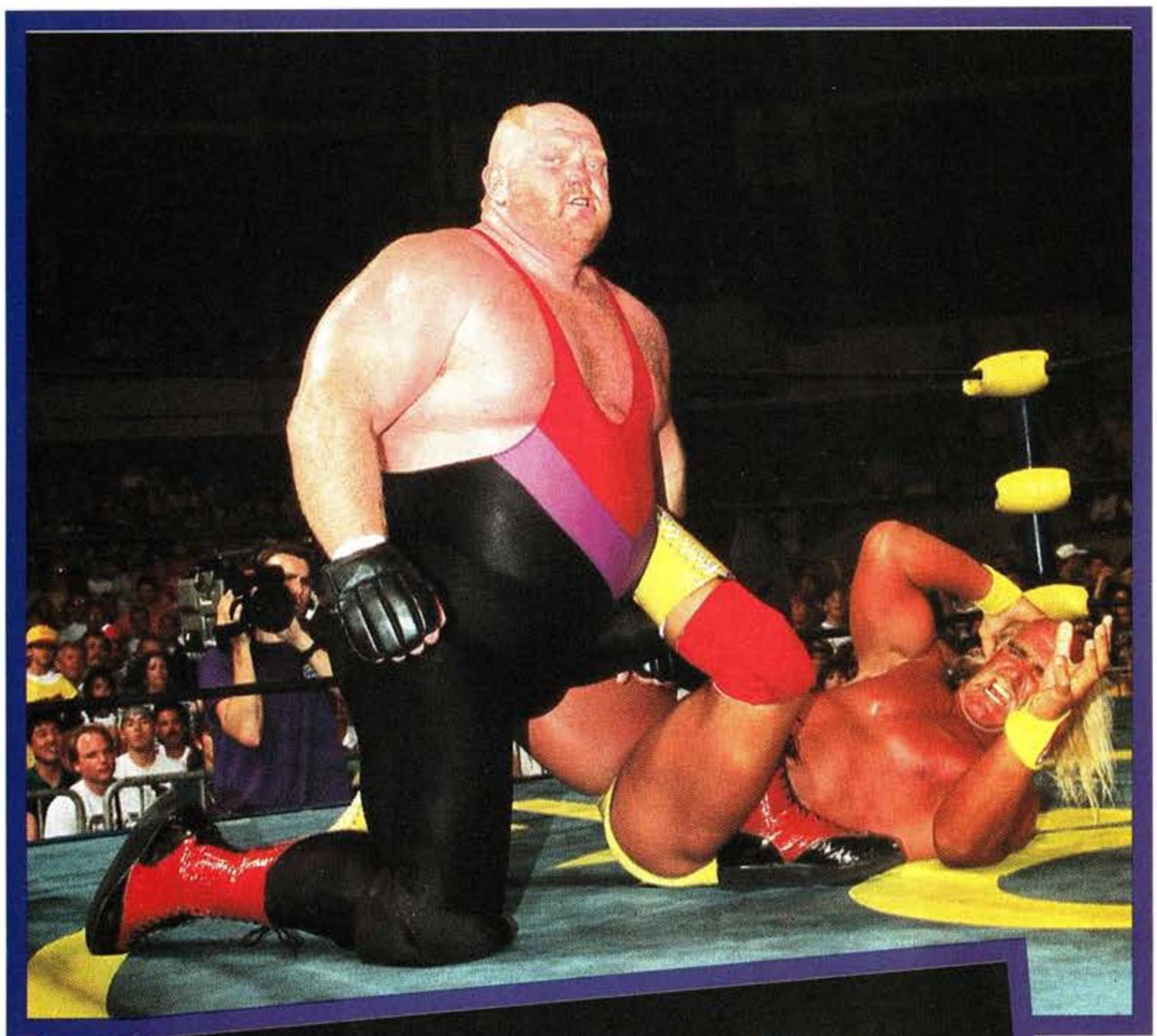
WCW fans got to see all these incredible competitors at their very best. Hogan looked sensational in thwarting Vader's power maneuvers. Savage raced rings around Flair, who still looked like a champion (physically, anyway!) in taking on both of his longtime foes. Vader, however, proved to be as dangerous as usual and when he scored a huge flying slam-press from the top rope onto Hogan, millions of Hulkamaniacs feared not only for a loss for their hero, but the loss of his career as well!

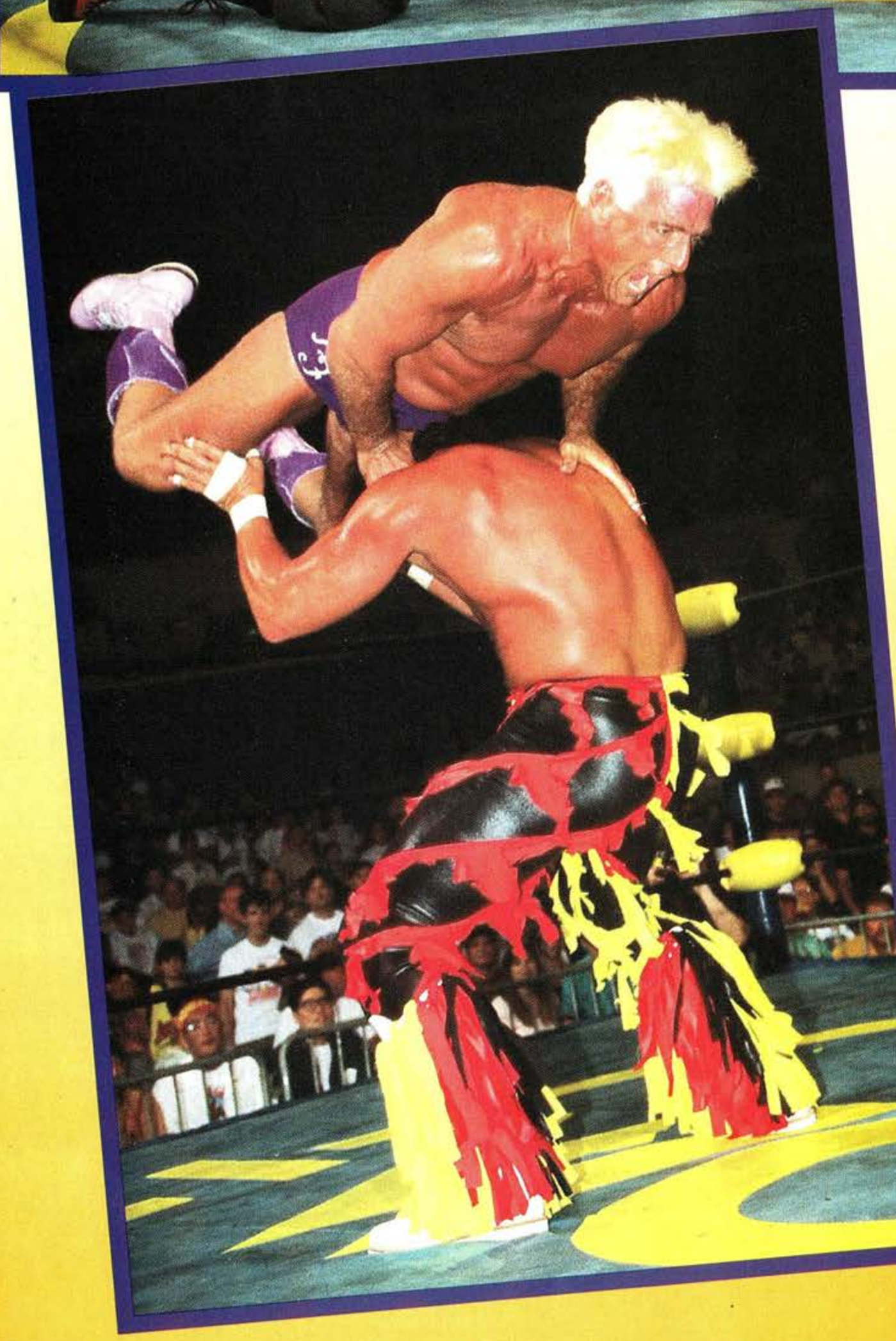












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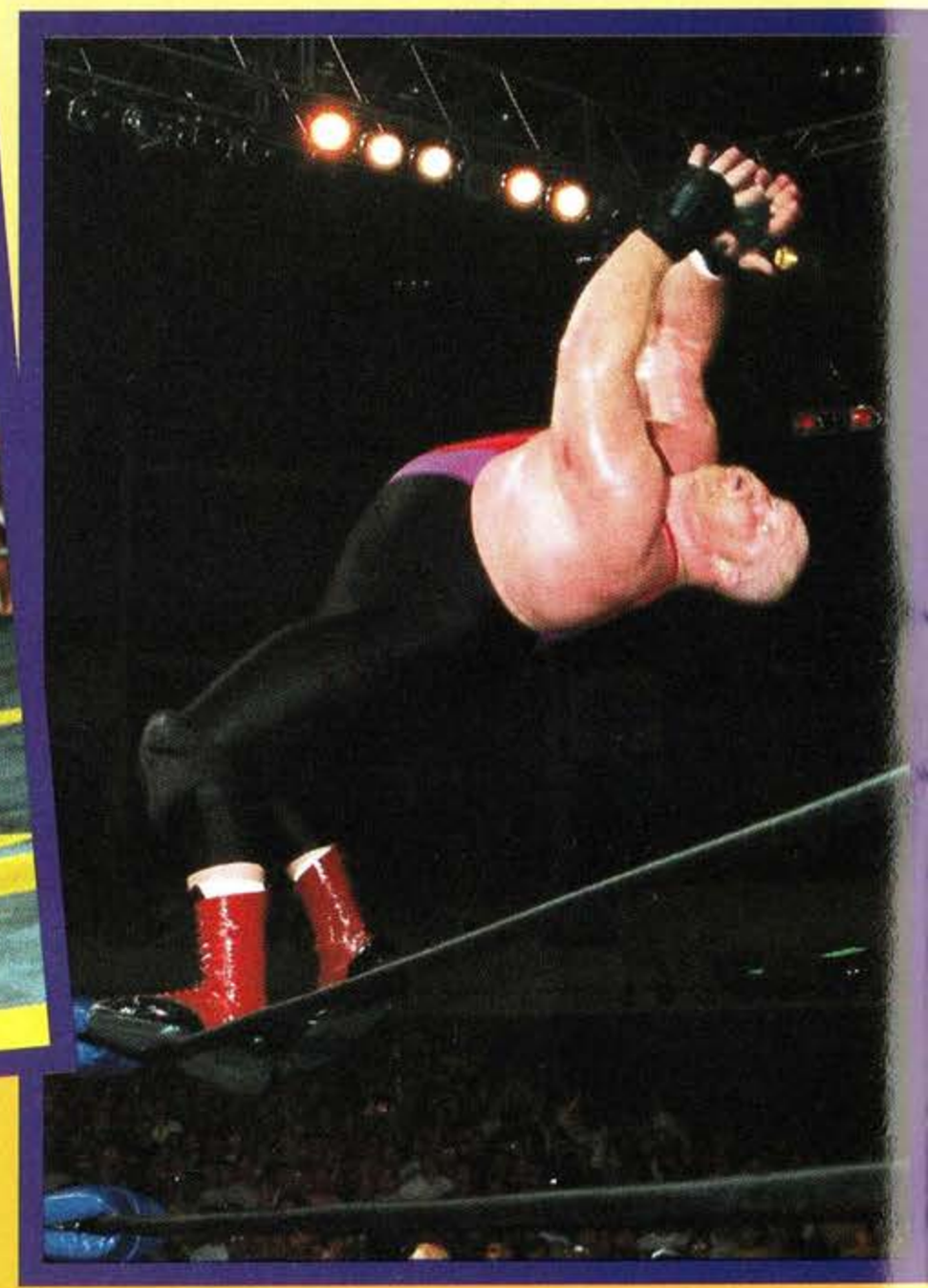
However, true to form, the Hulkster stormed back. Incredibly, as he's done countless times in the past, Hogan managed to come back strong and determined. As Savage brawled with Vader outside the ring, Hogan got Flair alone in the ring. Spurred on by the cheers of the fans, Hogan blasted Flair with a foot to the face and even smashed both Flair and Anderson as the "Enforcer" tried to interfere. A legdrop later, Flair was pinned by Hogan, but Flair would have the last, evil laugh.

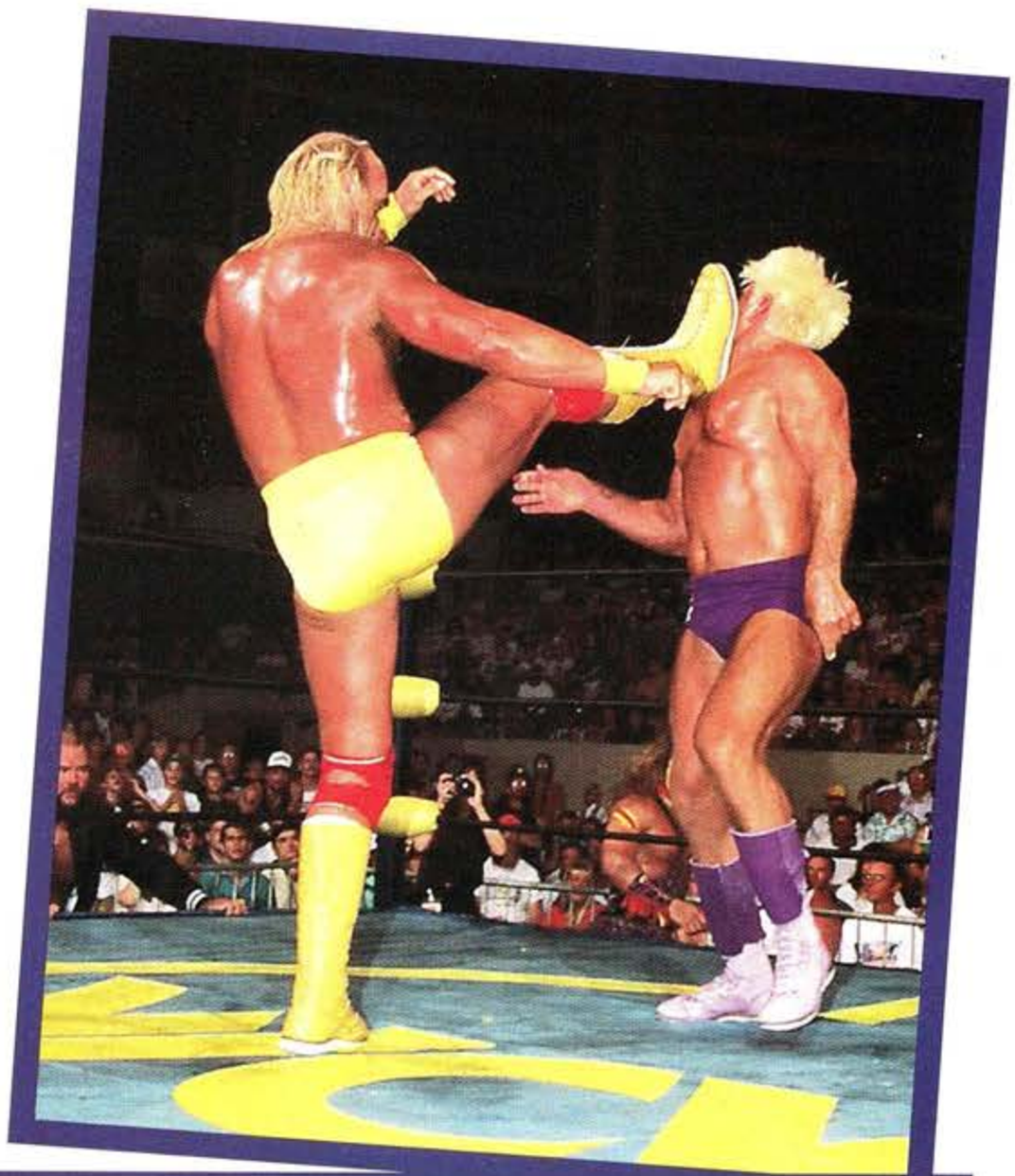
After the bout, the rulebreakers continued to brawl. As Vader tied up Hogan outside the ring, Anderson and Flair delivered a brutal beating to Savage inside the ring. Overcome with emotion, Savage's father, Angelo Poffo, could take no more. The 70-year-old Hall Of Famer walked into the ring to try to talk sense into Flair, but the twisted Flair attacked him! In one of the most sickeningly callous acts in wrestling history, Anderson held Poffo's

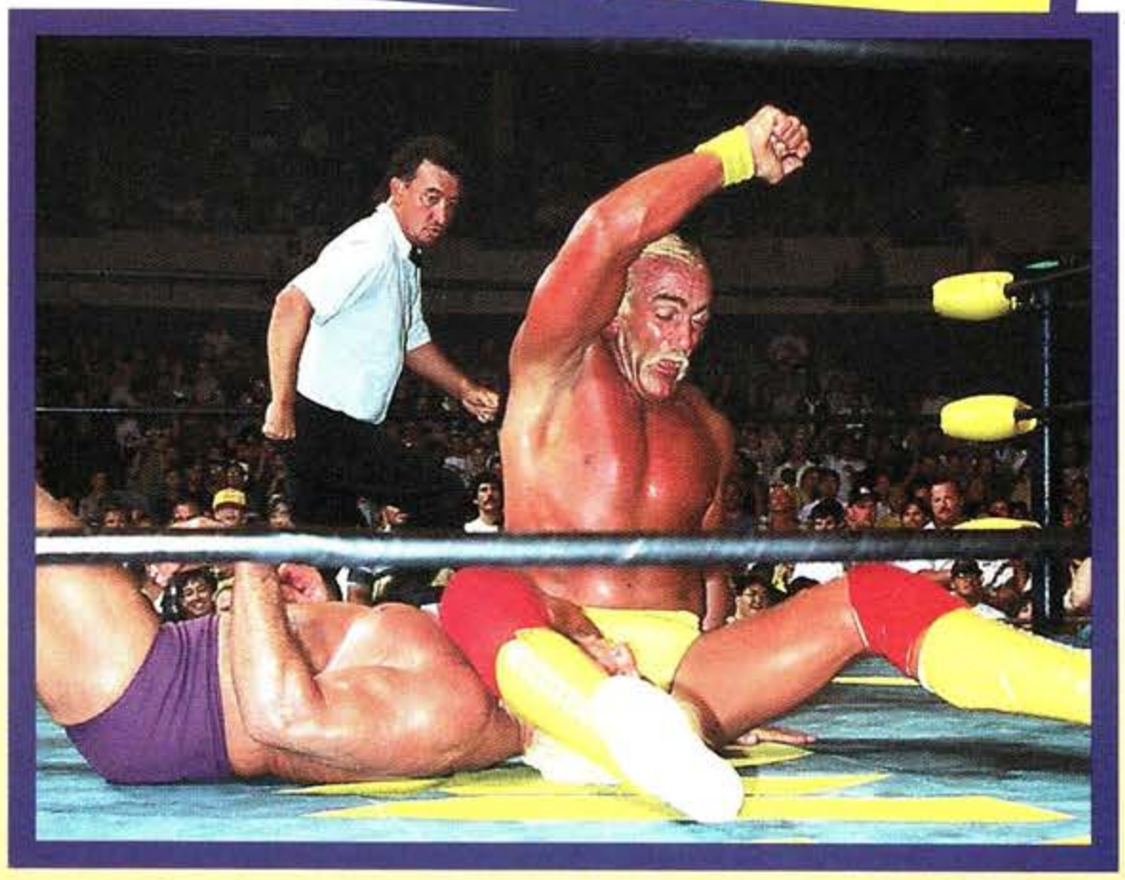


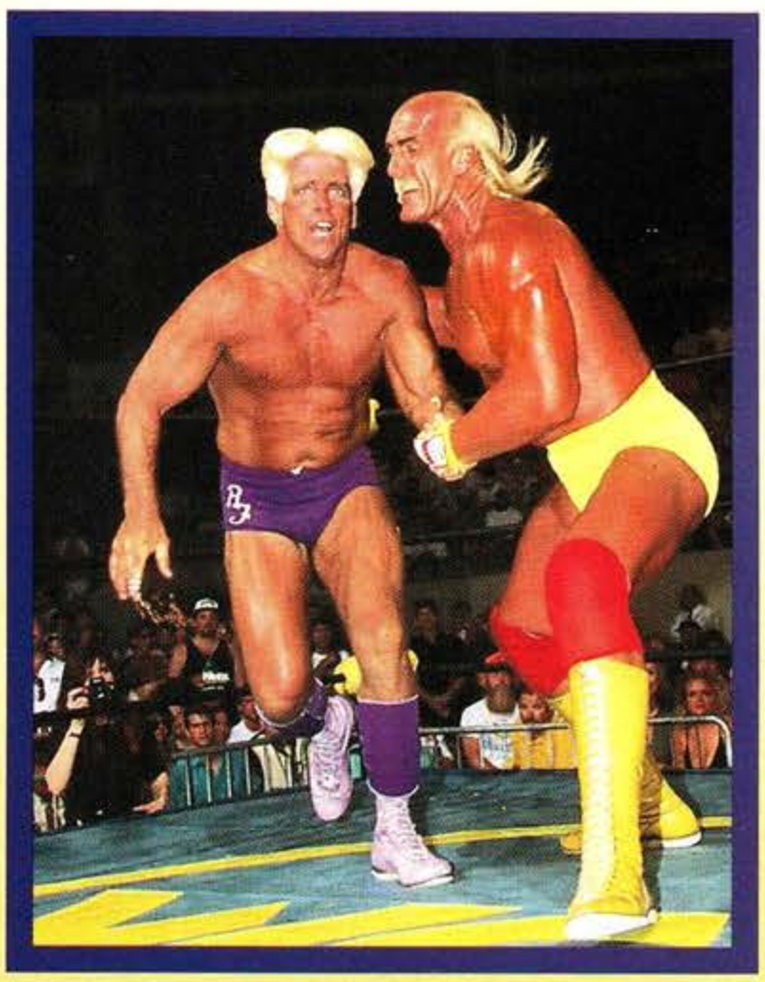
arms behind his back as Flair peppered Poffo with punches—then locked Poffo in his figure-four while Anderson stomped his knee! Eventually, Hogan, Renegade and Savage ended the attack, but it left Savage a crushed and shocked man.

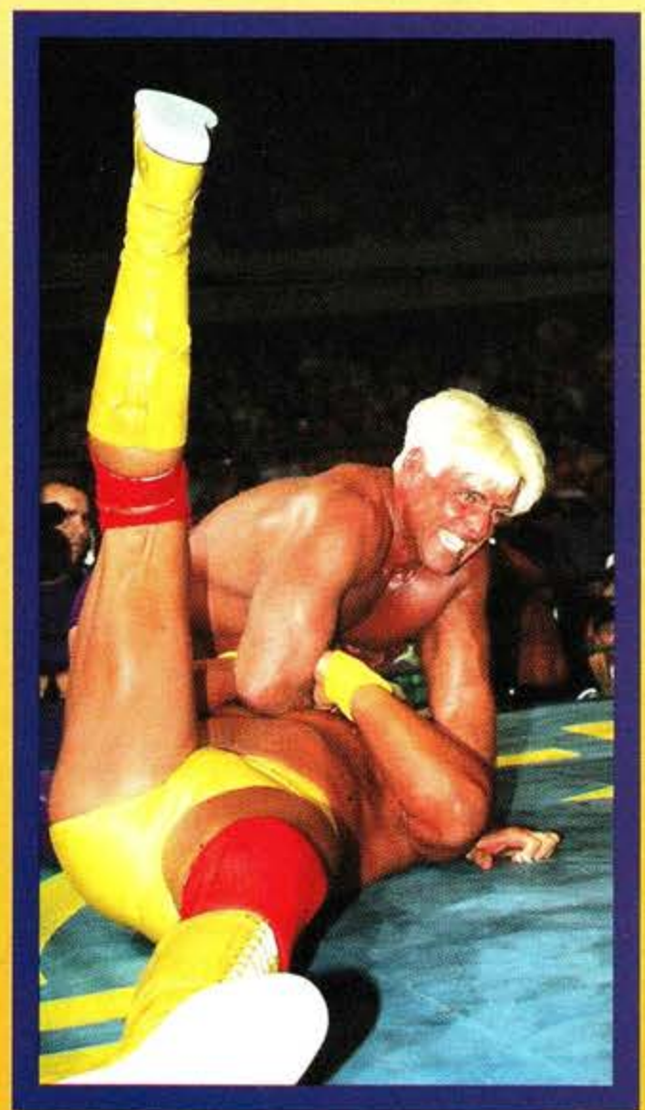
We pity Ric Flair these days. He's got Randy Savage more angry, more determined and more ready than ever to wipe out the "Nature Boy!"

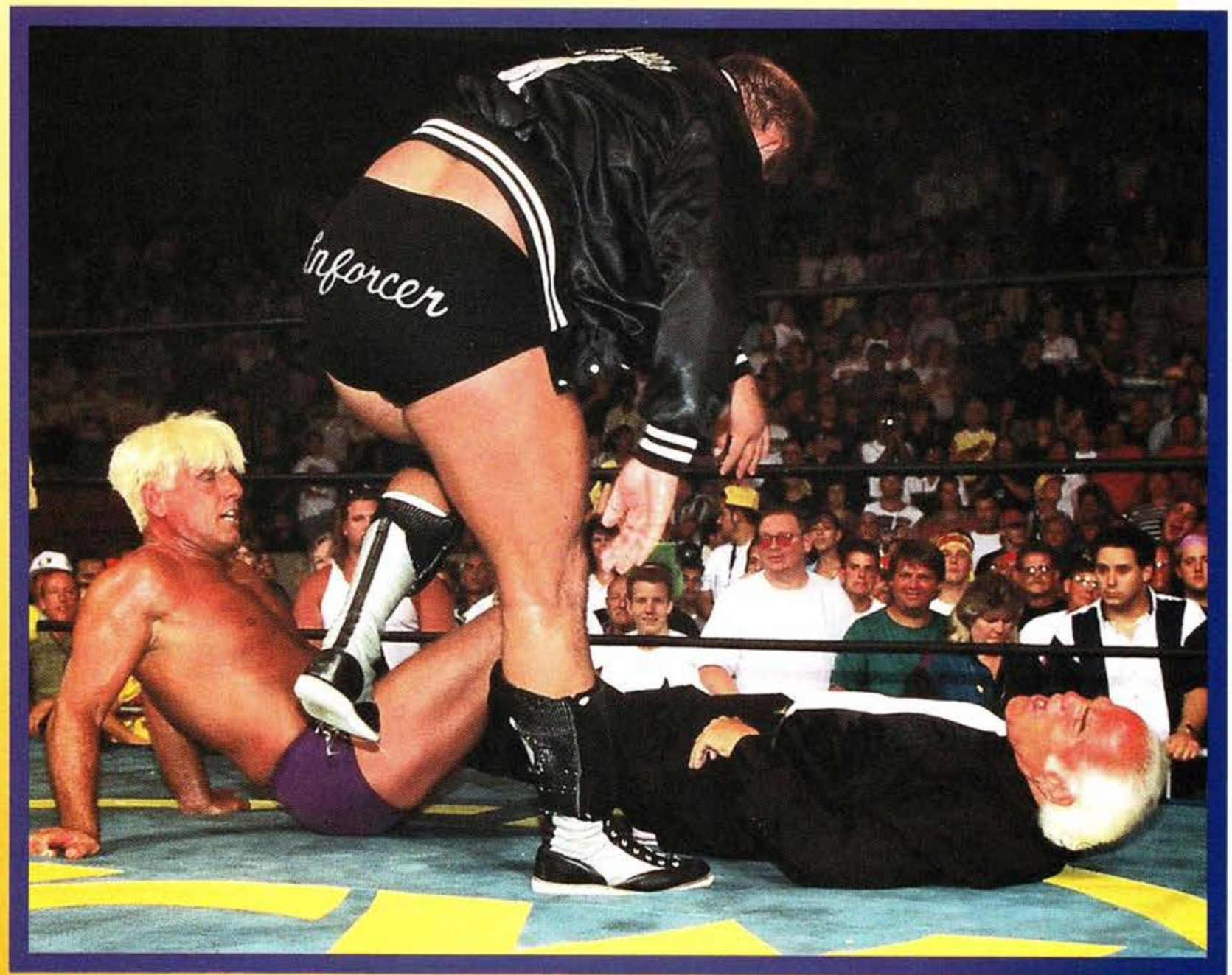
There was another factor to this bout that made it even more intriguing. During the early stages of the action, an ominous figure, well over seven feet tall, was observed watching the proceedings from the aisle. When Flair saw him standing there, the "Nature Boy" flashed a sinister grin. Who is he and what does his presence mean to the future of Hulk Hogan and of WCW? Only time will tell!











TALKING POINT

WITH TONY SCHIAVONE

The editors of WCW Magazine love to test my memory and, at times, I'm flattered that they consider me an expert. So, when they asked for my top five matches of all-time, it was a challenge. At first, I'll admit, I thought it was going to be a piece of cake. How wrong I was! I can think of a truck-load of memorable matches. Hence, I limited it to the top five matches I have witnessed, not necessarily as a play-by-play announcer, but also as a fan.

So, without wasting any time, here are my five favorites:

No.5 - RIC FLAIR vs. DUSTY RHODES; Great American Bash 1986, Greensboro, N.C.

The summer of '86 will go down as the greatest span in Ric Flair's career. He accepted a challenge like none other. The NWA was going strong and during the month of July, the Great American Bash swarmed across the U.S. Flair, the World Champion, accepted a title defense nine times in fourteen days. He met, (among others) Road Warrior Hawk, Road Warrior Animal, Ronnie Garvin, Nikita Koloff and Magnum T.A. Three days before the Bash was to end, he ran into the "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes, at the Greensboro Coliseum. This was the same arena where, three years earlier, he had beaten Harley Race.

Things would be different this time.

We were not televising that night, so I was standing in the locker room area. I didn't have a seat and probably wouldn't have used one anyway...no one else was sitting. Rhodes was prepared as never before, uncommonly quiet prior to the match. Quite unusual, I thought! After all, Dusty ALWAYS has something to say. But this night he was almost mute. As it turns out, he was concentrating and, ya know, I kind of knew he was going to win.

In the end, Rhodes did win, truly dominating Flair for perhaps the first time ever in his illustrious career. Rhodes won his third and final World Title. He eventually lost the title back to Flair in August of '86, in St. Louis.

That Great American Bash victory was the greatest achievement, I feel, in the career of the "American Dream." He picked his spot, went for the kill and would not be denied. He has never wrestled better.

No. 4 - HULK HOGAN vs. BIG BUBBA; Madison Square Garden 1989, New York City.

He wasn't known as Big Bubba back then, but it didn't matter. This was my first time at the fabled Madison Square Garden and my first time calling play-by-play for a Hogan match. The Garden was sold out and it was LOUD! The two were inside a cage, nearing the end of their bitter feud. Hogan and Bubba climbed to the top rope at one point late in the match. They then came crashing down when Hogan executed a perfect superplex. It was the most exciting move I have ever seen in this sport.

That was my first glimpse of Hulkamania and, yes, it certainly made a believer out of me.

No. 3 - HULK HOGAN vs. RIC FLAIR; Orlando, FL., 1994

Anticipation for this mega-match was, perhaps, the greatest this sport has ever seen. The two wrestlers had been talked about in the past, but had never met in a major pay-per-view event. Most fans expected Flair to win. But not me!

It turned out to be the largest crowd to see a WCW event in many years and the sound inside the Orlando Arena that evening was incredible. Everything was as it should be for a major event.

And, yes, the match lived up to its billing. Personally, I walked away drained.

As I think back, I can't help but think that, if Flair had kept his cool and left his alliance with Sherri, he probably would have won the match.

This was the beginning of Hulkamania as we know it today and the beginning of the "Flipped" Flair era.

WCW has never been the same since that evening.

No. 2 - RIC FLAIR vs. VADER; Charlotte, N.C., 1993

When I was preparing for the introductory announcing chores for Starrcade that evening, I wanted to come up with something to capture the moment. At about 5 p.m., the word 'celebration' popped into my head. After all, Flair had his career on the line against seemingly impossible odds.

This was one of the greatest moments in WCW history, starting with his ride to the arena with my announcing colleague Mean Gene Okerlund; the two reminisced about his great career.

Flair eventually walked down that aisle, before a standing-room-only crowd in his hometown and the place went wild. It was and still is, the loudest ovation I have ever heard for a wrestler. My ears literally rang for days after the match.

This was the single most memorable evening I ever had in this sport and I'm sure Flair would say the same...he captured the title.

No. 1 - GREG VALENTINE & RIC FLAIR vs. THE ANDERSON BROTHERS; Greensboro, N.C., 1977

Surprise, surprise! This classic goes back to my days as a wrestling fan, before I became a broadcaster.

I was a sophomore in college and my friends and I would make regular trips to Greensboro to see the matches. One month, the advertisement read: World Tag Team Champions, The Andersons, to meet Ric Flair and Greg Valentine.

My friends and I were pumped. All four men were friends and Flair was even a cousin of the Andersons. Interesting, to say the least. About 25-minutes into the match, all four men were bloody and tired. They pounded on each other the entire time and the match featured one dirty trick after another. I still remember telling my friend Hippy that, "this is the damnest match I have ever seen."

It also turned out to be the greatest match I have ever seen. Flair and Valentine won in about 40-minutes, when Gene and Ole seemed to have things going their way. I really believe that this match was the single reason I fell in love with pro wrestling.

In closing, there have been many other matches that should and could be in my top five. And surely, over the years, some matches will replace these five; that's one of the great things about this sport...memories, memories, memories.

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"This cruise was the most enjoyable Bruise Cruise to date," said mega-popular Johnny B. Badd, who took part in the joyous excursion. "I hope there will be a lot more! We had a lot of fun with the fans, we were able to participate in a lot of beach activities, the shows were excellent and the staff and crew were tremendous. More importantly it was terrific to get to meet so many of WCW's great fans. I hope I'm involved with the next one!"

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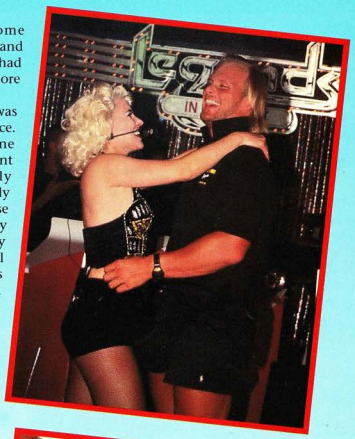
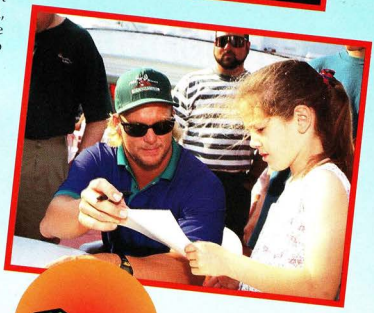
That feeling was echoed by all of the fans and WCW stars (bar one) that embarked on this incredible cruise. There was so much to do that it would take this entire article to list all the highlights. Accompanying Johnny were Alex Wright, Flyin' Brian Pillman and Stunning Steve Austin, who were all on board for the duration of the cruise. That last name shocked many, as the animosity between Austin and Brian is legendary...and the other three guys don't like him either! It was rumored that Austin was allowed to take part in the cruise because he agreed to sign a "restraining order." He took exception to that notion, but signed the agreement.

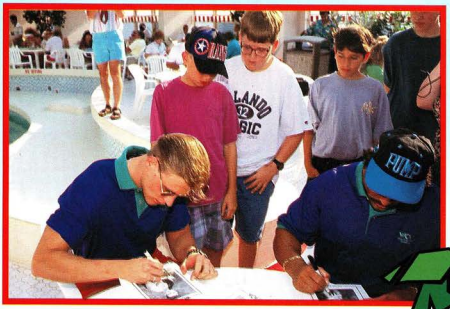
"I don't believe it was WCW that were behind that," said the arrogant Austin. "I think that Brian was behind it. I conduct myself as a professional at all times, but Brian just needed that security I wasn't going punch his lights out. What I liked about signing that bit of paper was that it showed that Brian still has fear and respect for Double-S!"

We asked Steve for some comments about the cruise itself and also the fact that he and Brian had been seen talking together on more than one occasion.

"Well it was obvious why I was sent on the cruise in the first place. The cruise operators needed one really great superstar to be present on the boat and that's exactly what I am. I don't think they truly knew how big a star I was, because the service on the boat was pretty mediocre. But they know if they want me on there again they will have to improve. The passengers on the boat had obviously lead very mundane, humdrum lives and this, in all honesty, will probably be the only true brush with greatness they will ever experience," he explained. "As for me and Brian talking...well you're not the only person who said that, so if I say I didn't people will say I'm a liar. Hell, people have called me worse things during my career, so print what you want."







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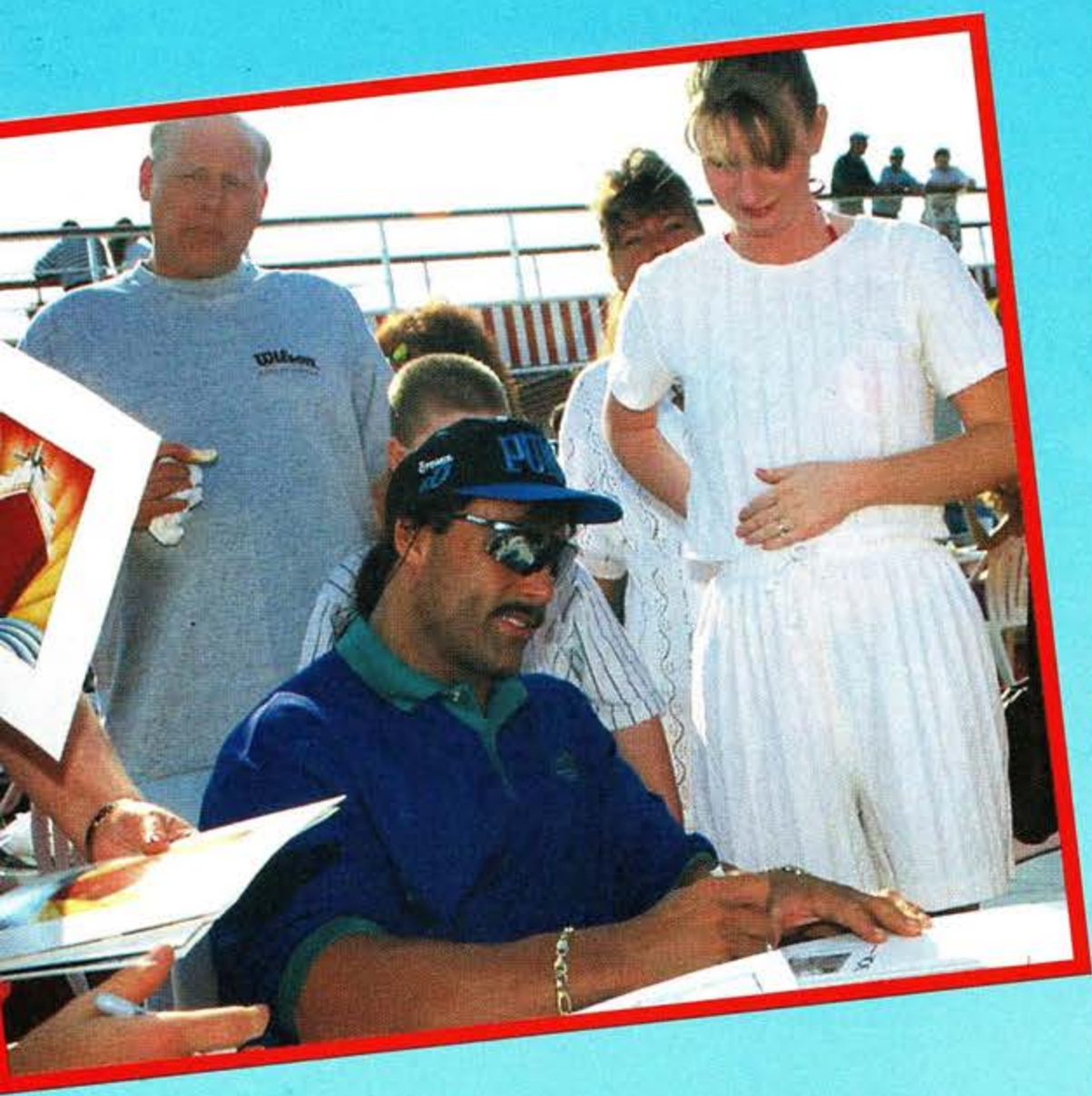
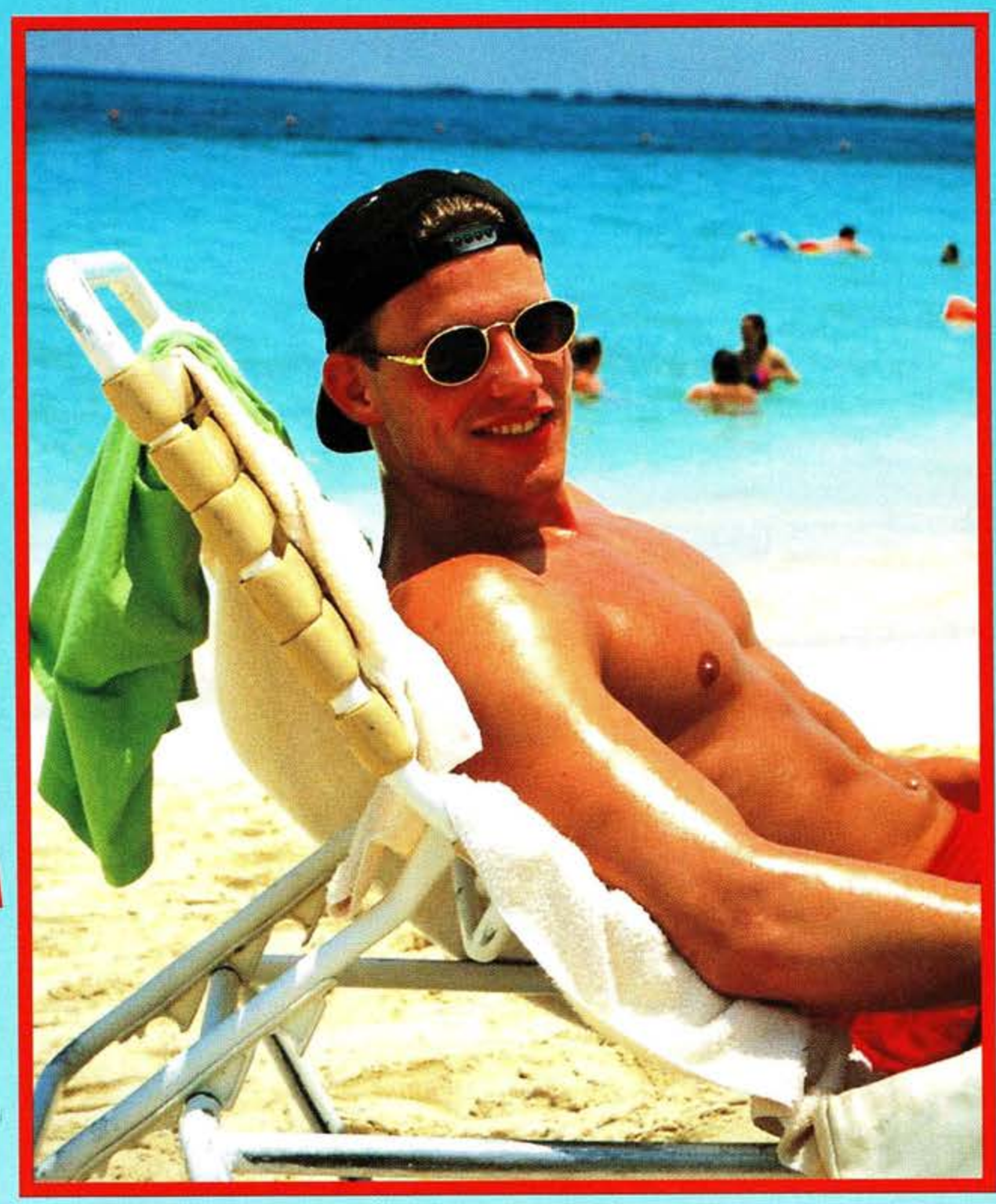




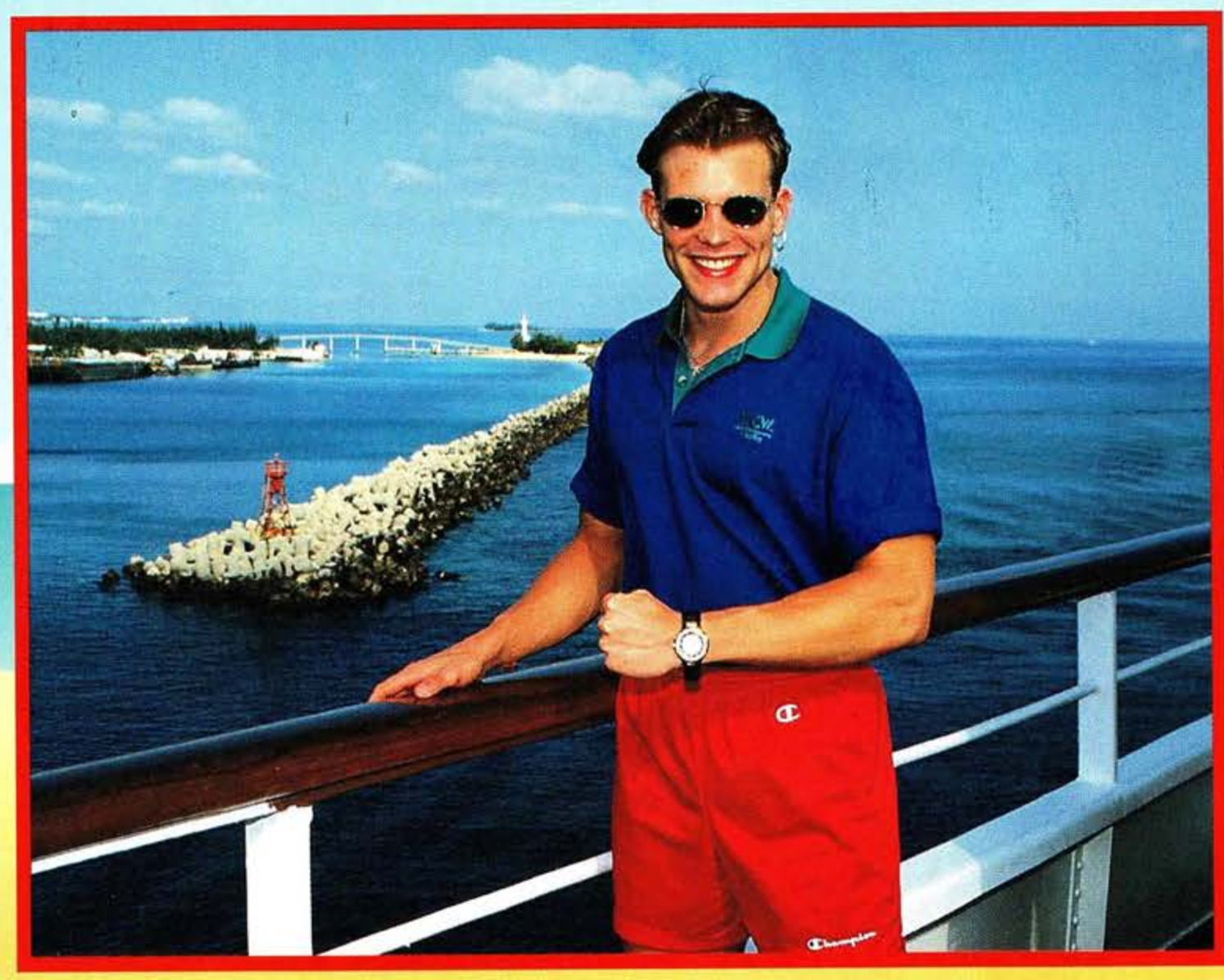
Austin's presence certainly didn't seem to spoil the trip for Brian one bit. "I had a fabulous time," said Brian. "You couldn't have asked for better weather or nicer fans. It was spectacular, a real paradise. The sea and the beaches were really something to behold. A lot of great kids got the opportunity to meet wrestlers much closer than they normally would."

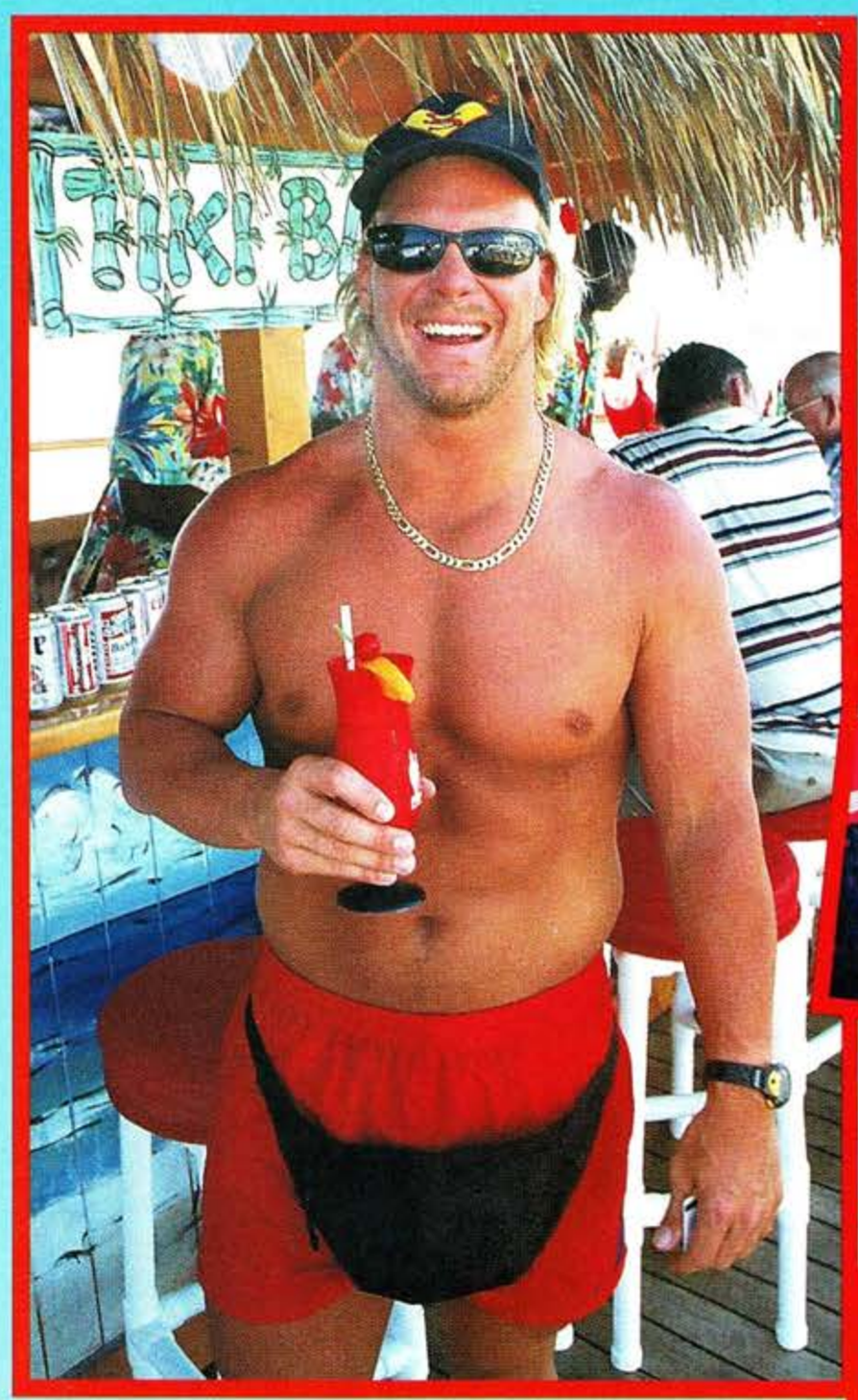
In addition to all the exciting beach activities and excursions that were available to the passengers, they were able to participate in several events involving the WCW wrestlers. These included, photo sessions, autograph signings, a mat chat Q&A, a wrestling trivia session with prizes and dining each night with the superstars. There were also great activities onboard the gorgeous ship. A real highlight was "Legends In Concert," where lookalikes of Madonna, Buddy Holly and Elvis entertained everyone, especially Stunning Steve, who was invited on stage by the Madonna clone! When she asked him his name, he replied "Flyin' Brian!"

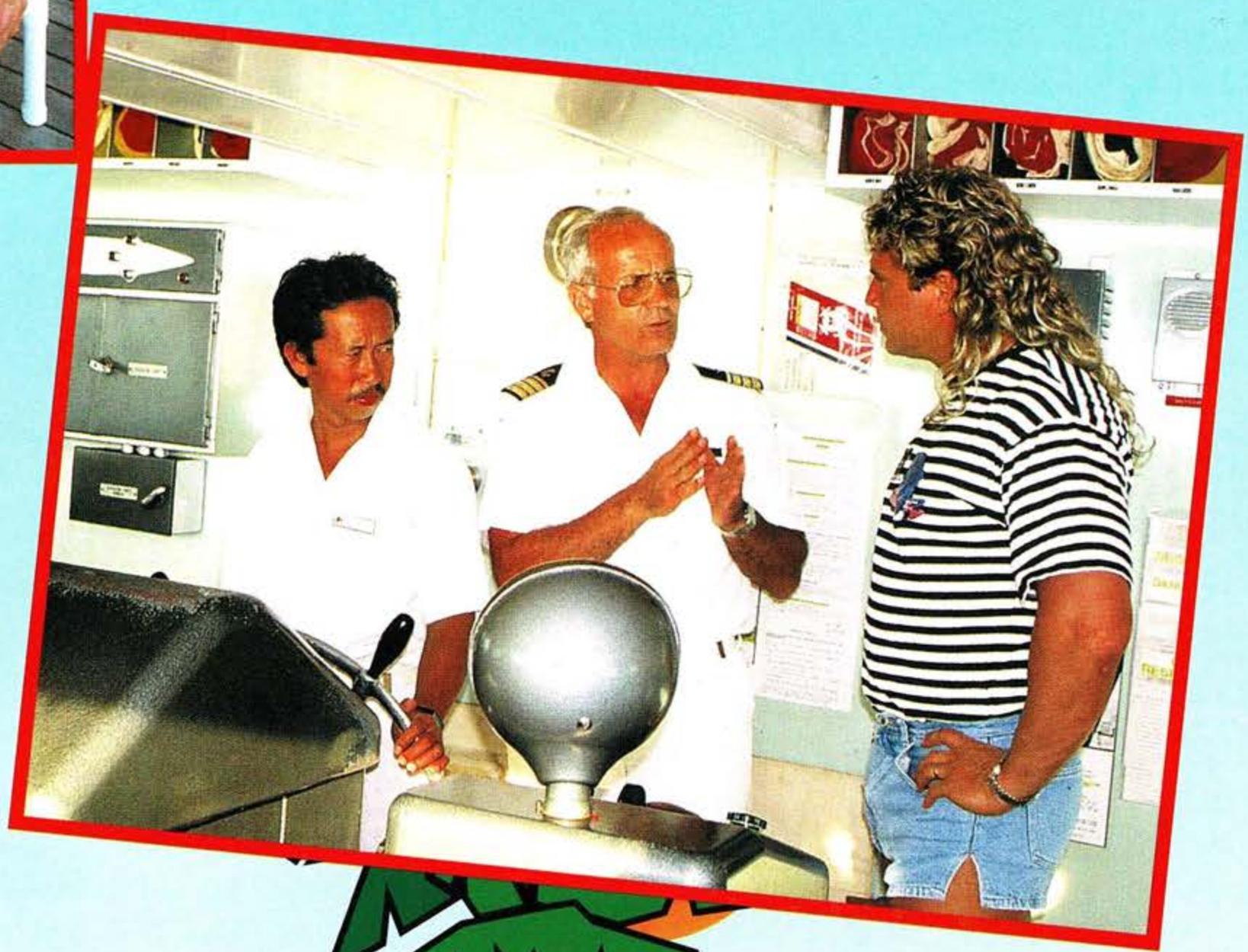
This gave us an opportunity to question Brian about his relationship with Steve and to get his comments on the photos we had of them together.

"Well, when Steve told Madonna he was Flyin' Brian, I found it kinda ironic. It just proved what I had suspected all along. That is that Steve really wishes he was me. As for if I have been talking to him, well I may have asked him to pass the butter at a dinner table when we were seated with the fans," Brian insisted. "As for photos of us together, well you and I know that reporters always go for sensationalism all the time. You have to sell magazines and you create stories that aren't really there. And lets face it, what could be more sensational than a Blond's reunion! I am sure you have the technology to make pictures appear to be anything you want them to and, on that note, I really have no more comments to make."

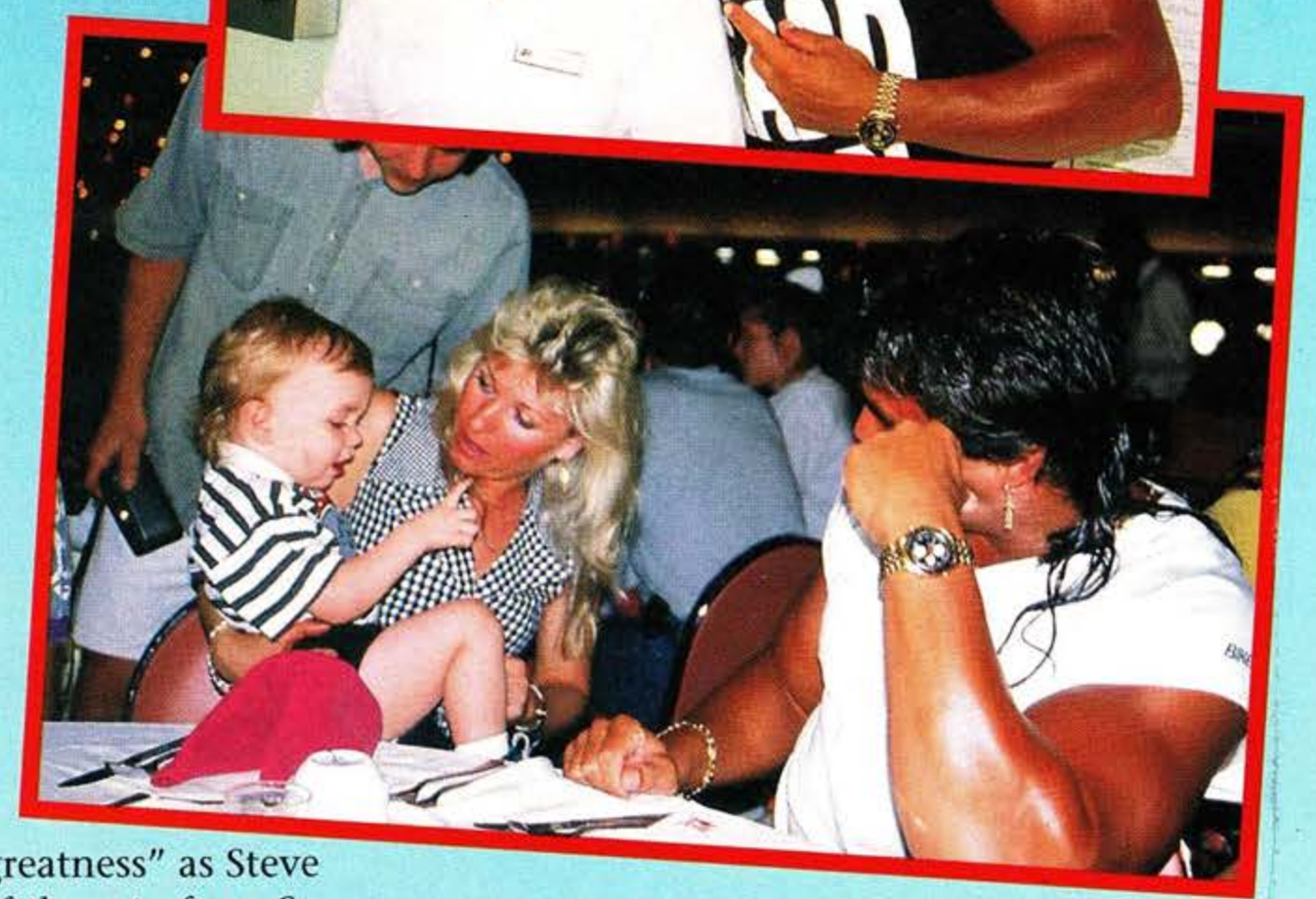
Dancing, of course, is a favorite activity on any ship and who better than "Das Wunderkind" to strut his stuff? He was mobbed by the fans every time he stepped out on the floor and Wright enjoyed every minute of it.





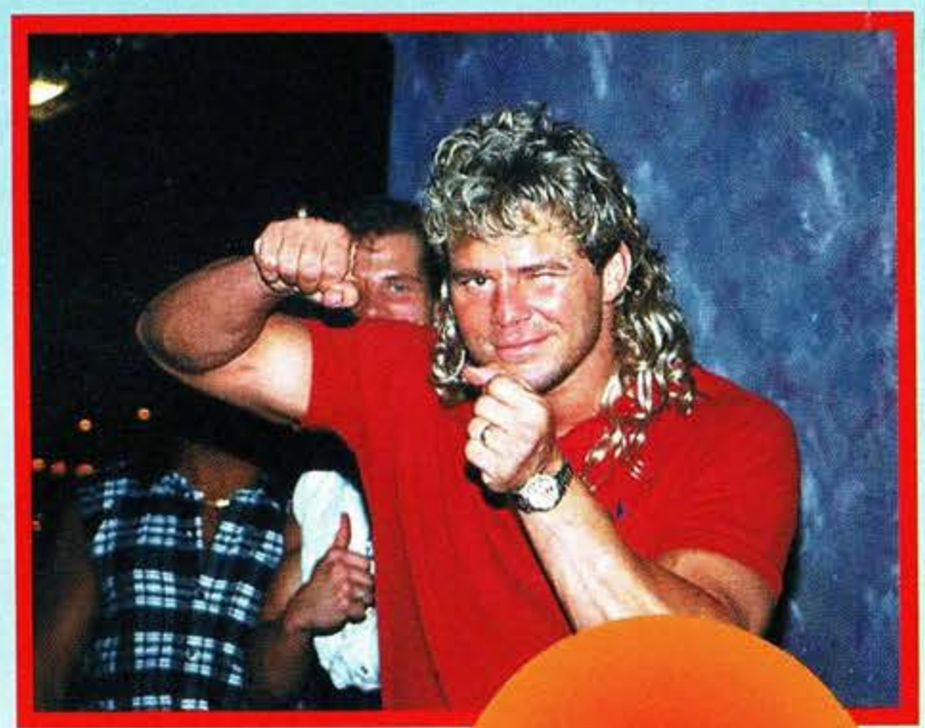


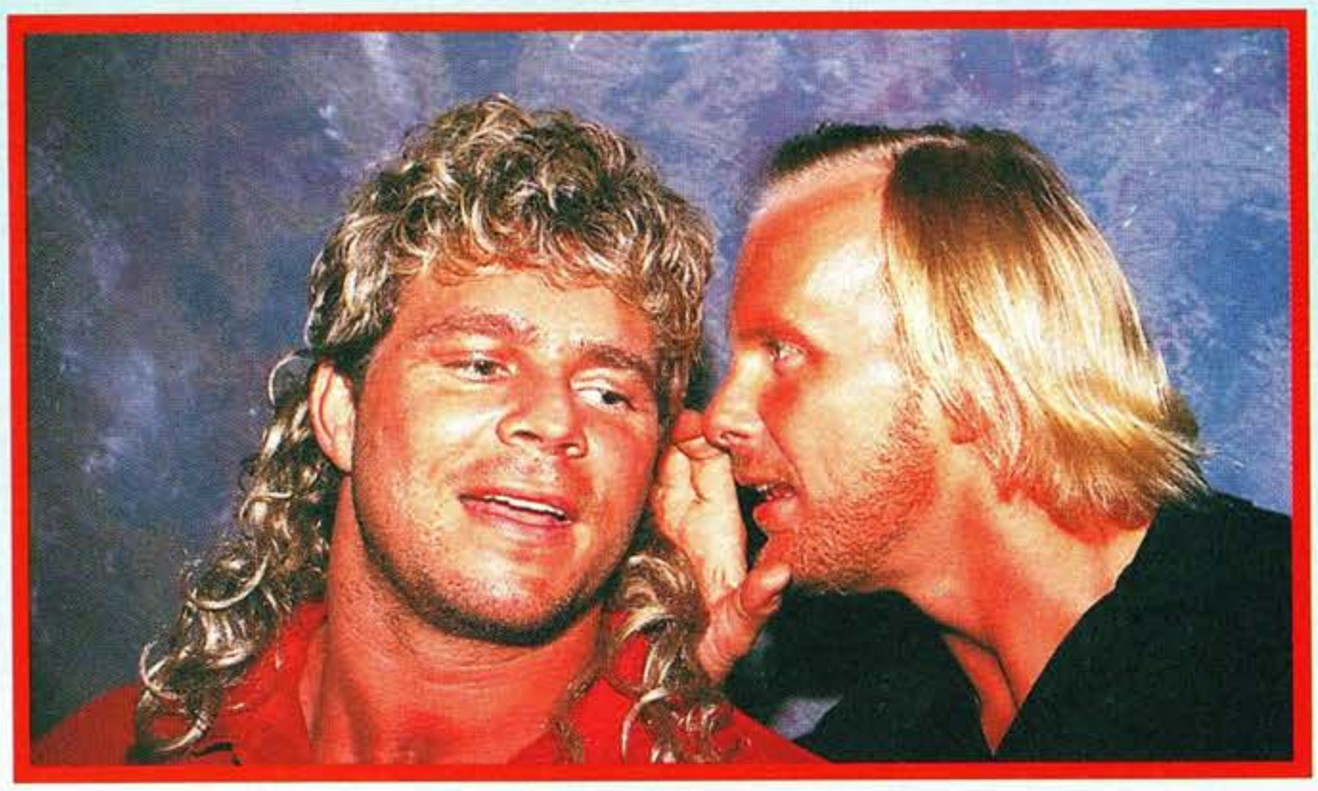
"I was constantly dancing," laughed Wright. "The fans wouldn't let me sit down. It was great exercise and they were all very nice people. A lot of Germans (Wright's home country) were also on the cruise, so I was able to catch up on the news from home. I went to the beach for two days. I had never seen islands like these, with great beaches with white sand and incredibly beautiful women. It was very relaxing."

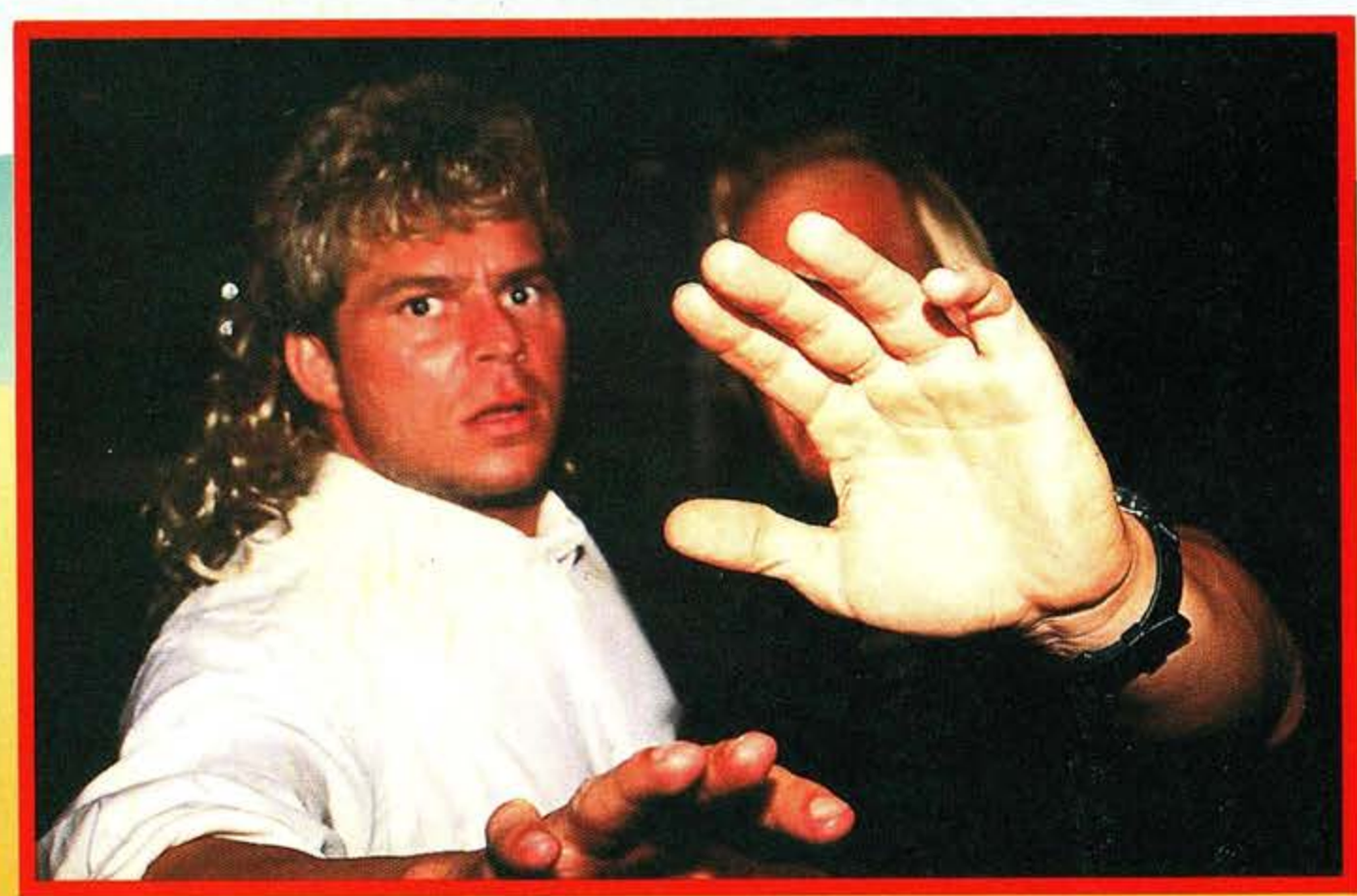


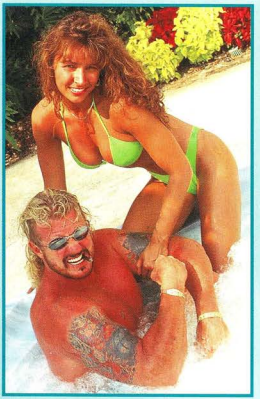
Relaxation, excitement, fun and a "brush with greatness" as Steve Austin would put it. The Bruise Cruise offered all of these to fans. So when the next event rolls around, be sure to be a part of it. Who knows? You could find yourself on the dance floor with none other than Alex Wright!

As for our own cruise mystery involving the Blonds, we'll just leave you with these three photos and you can decide.









For the past three months, the editors of WCW Magazine had been inundated with letters postmarked The French Riviera. Most were written on notebook paper, with the same green pen and appeared as though they were from the same author. All claimed we'd missed the boat on WCW superstars.

DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE's guide to WOMEN

It took us a while to discover the writer and, we must admit, we weren't surprised. Our guess: Diamond Dallas Page, the man of millions—of dollars and dolls.

We approached him about the letters and he simply snapped, "Yeah, whatever." We pushed him further on the subject and he said, "Ya know, DDP isn't just the best wrestler in WCW, but I'm also the most gracious and richest. It has come to my attention that I have not been featured in the magazine and I want the situation rectified one way or another. So, here's an offer you can't refuse. Since the WCW Magazine is my favorite magazine, how 'bout we all rendezvous in the Riviera...it'll be my treat. Then you can agree to grant me a regular column like those previous bozos did and I won't buy the company and throw you all out on your ears!"

The deal was too good to pass up, especially since DDP seemed really keen and was paying. So off we went. Once there, we found Diamond Dallas at home among a host of Diamond Dolls, all pandering to his every need.

"All of you pathetic pukes who are reading his magazine can only dream of being DDP. There's only one. The rest of you are wanna-be's. Let's face it, you either got it or you don't. I've certainly got it—and you DON'T!" said Diamond Dallas as he sipped Dom Perignon which he pronounced 'Don Per-ig-none.' "I receive thousands of letters a week, most of which are from peasants begging for money but a lot are from losers who can't get one girlfriend and want my advice on how to score. Read on maybe I can help," Dallas bragged.

"There are thousands of beautiful women here and around the world drooling over my every move and it's understandable. Being the gracious guy that I am, I welcome women of all shapes and sizes. Well, not quite all but they stand a good chance, especially those who are 36-24-36.

"Lately, a lot of you pukes have seen me with a Diamond Doll who Eric Bischoff exposed as Kimberly. Well, let me tell you something...her name is NOT Kimberly. Do not call her that, call her Diamond Doll. You don't need to know anything else about her, except that she's my property. If she doesn't mind her p's and q's (Dallas shot a warning look at her at this point), she just might find herself back in the dumbs where I initially found her."

Diamond Dallas, at this point, interrupted his own sentence to run to his red Porsche...there also were black, white, green and aqua porsches in sight. He retrieved a book that was as thick as 'War and Peace.' It is, he claims, although we never got to look inside, his black book of names and numbers.

"So many chicks are lining up to be with DDP that it's truly amazing. However I have high standards. Each one I ask, 'Do you look good in the morning...when you're making me breakfast?'" he said. "The key to women and a good relationship, is simple: don't waste your time keeping them happy, make sure that they keep you happy. Era of the 'New Man,' HAH! Forget it. 'New Men' are just wimps still clinging to mommy's apron strings. Women like MEN who are MEN. And there's no better specimen than DDP."

"The qualities I look for in a Diamond Doll also are simple: she must be gorgeous, intelligent, have a hard body and not know how to spell or even utter the word, NO."

"The ideal outfit for a woman is pumps. Anything else is optional!"

Diamond Dallas admitted that he enjoys the 'social scene' in Atlanta and can be spotted with at least two Dolls clinging to each arm, at the start of the evening. By evenings end he has to hold a lottery (usually at such hotspots as the Baja Beach Club and Club 112). Evenings often end at about 6 a.m., maybe later.

"Becoming a Diamond Doll isn't as easy as you'd think. Max Muscle personally interviews each and every candidate," DDP said.

"One final thing for all you DDP wanna-be's: always have protection both inside and outside the ring!"

The editors of WCW Magazine take no responsibility for the words or actions of Diamond Dallas Page. Our jobs are in jeopardy if we so much as edit his submissions. We apologize to anyone Diamond Dallas Page might have offended in this column and we know full well that might be everyone.

In coming issues, DDP offers his guide to money and work, among other items. We are sure that, in time, he will become bored with the magazine and then we will be able to resume normal business.

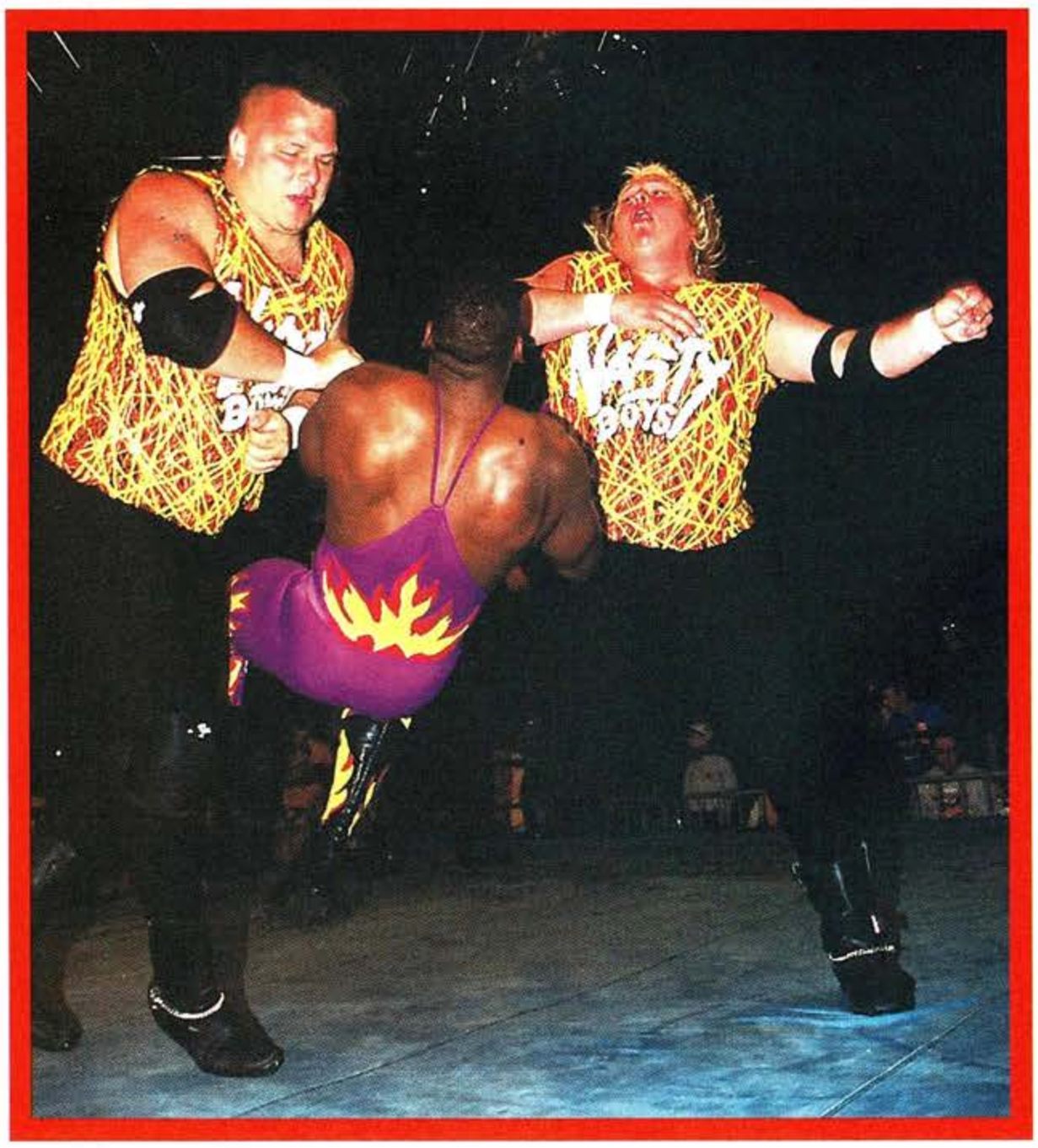
IN THE HOTSEAT

NASTY BOYS

"How 'bout that, Mr. Editor-dude," Brian Knobs began, "last month you asked us what our summer plans were and I said a three-peat championship reign. Well, The Nasty Boys have done just that."

Sure enough, Knobs and his tag team partner Jerry Sags are once again on top of the tag team ranks, thanks to a **Slamboree** victory over Harlem Heat in what was the last shot at gold Knobs and Sags would ever get.

The championship straps have moved to Nastyville. So will the Harlem Heat ever get a rematch as they logically deserve? Or, will it be the Blue Bloods? Or maybe a pair from Col. Robert Parker's Stud Stable?

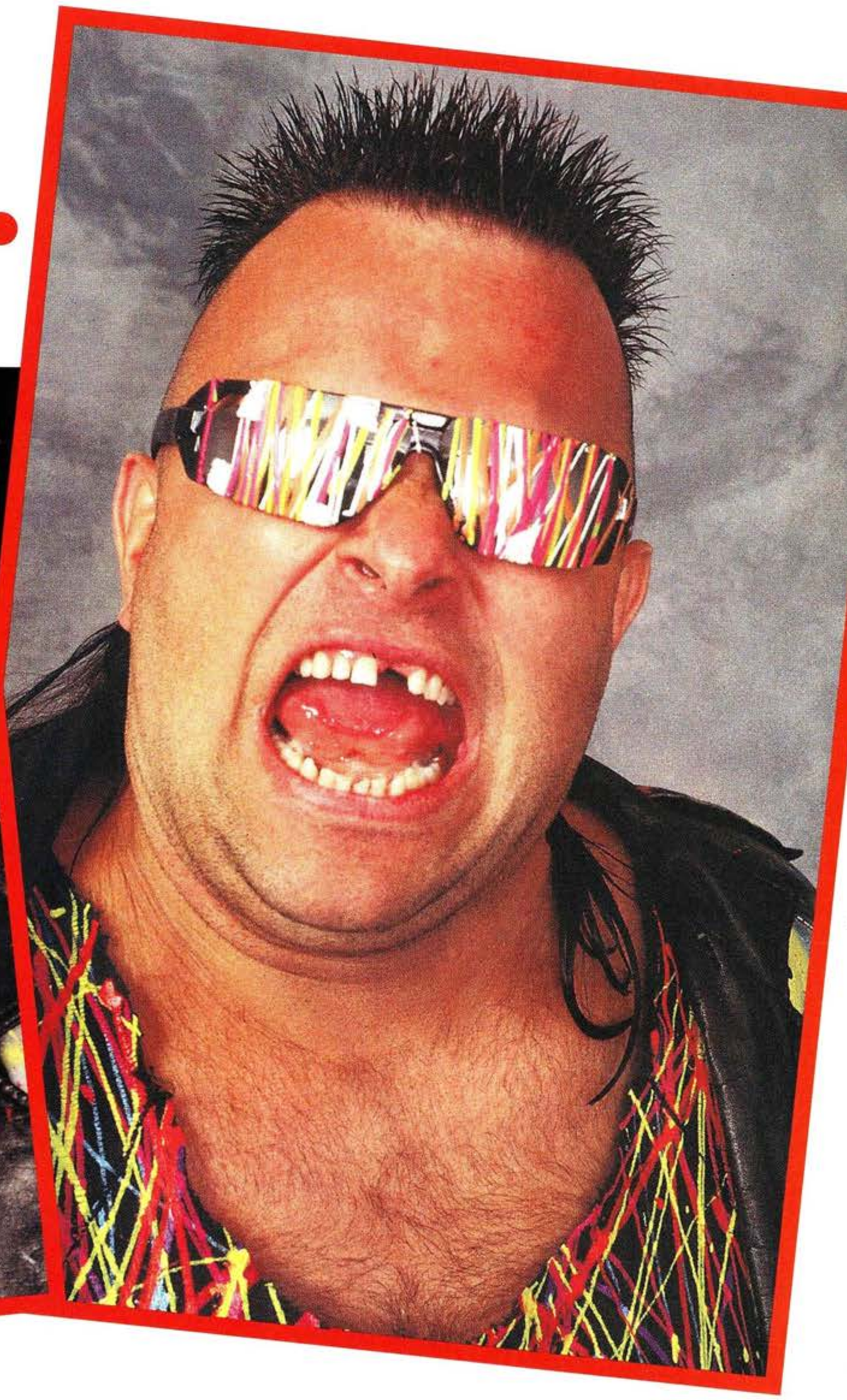


"Anyone, anywhere, anytime... The Nasty Boys welcome all challengers," Sags stated inside the Nasty's Slamboree locker room. "We are the people's champs. We are true to life people. What you see in the ring is what you see out of it. We owe it to our supporters and so we welcome a challenge from everyone."

Added Knobs, "Yeah, that's right, anyone who wants to visit Pity City, c'mon on down."

Well, there was a lot of talk that The Steiner Brothers, Rick and Scott, the pride and joy of the University of Michigan were WCW bound. The Steiners only had one thing in mind when they step into the squared-circle: championship gold. And, Nasty Boys, may we also remind you that the last time you met the Steiners, the pair from Ann Arbor emerged victorious—and you vanished to New York.

"First," Sags stated, his eyes popping, "we did not vanish, after losing to the Steiners. Rather, things were never settled. Second, we were the only team ever to beat up the Steiners, leaving them laying in the center of the ring like wounded ducks. Yeah, we nasticized them the last time we met. We drilled them, then drilled them again. They never really did anything to us—and never



will. They might have tried to beat us up, but, they never did. The Steiners were more black and blue than us. You may not have noticed this, but since we now hold the belts and not those punks from Harlem there has been no more noises about The Steiners coming here. That speaks for itself."

Added Knobs, "As far as this vanishing act, well, we never did that. It was just progress, part of our plan to establish ourselves as the greatest tag-team of all time. We've now done just that."

OK then, there's the awesome duo of Hawk and Animal, the Road Warriors. Now that Hawk is back in the fore-front of WCW action, feuding with Meng—and the entire Stud Stable, for that matter—rumors persist that Animal's WCW return also is forthcoming. You can bet The Road Warriors would like nothing better than a shot at the belts.

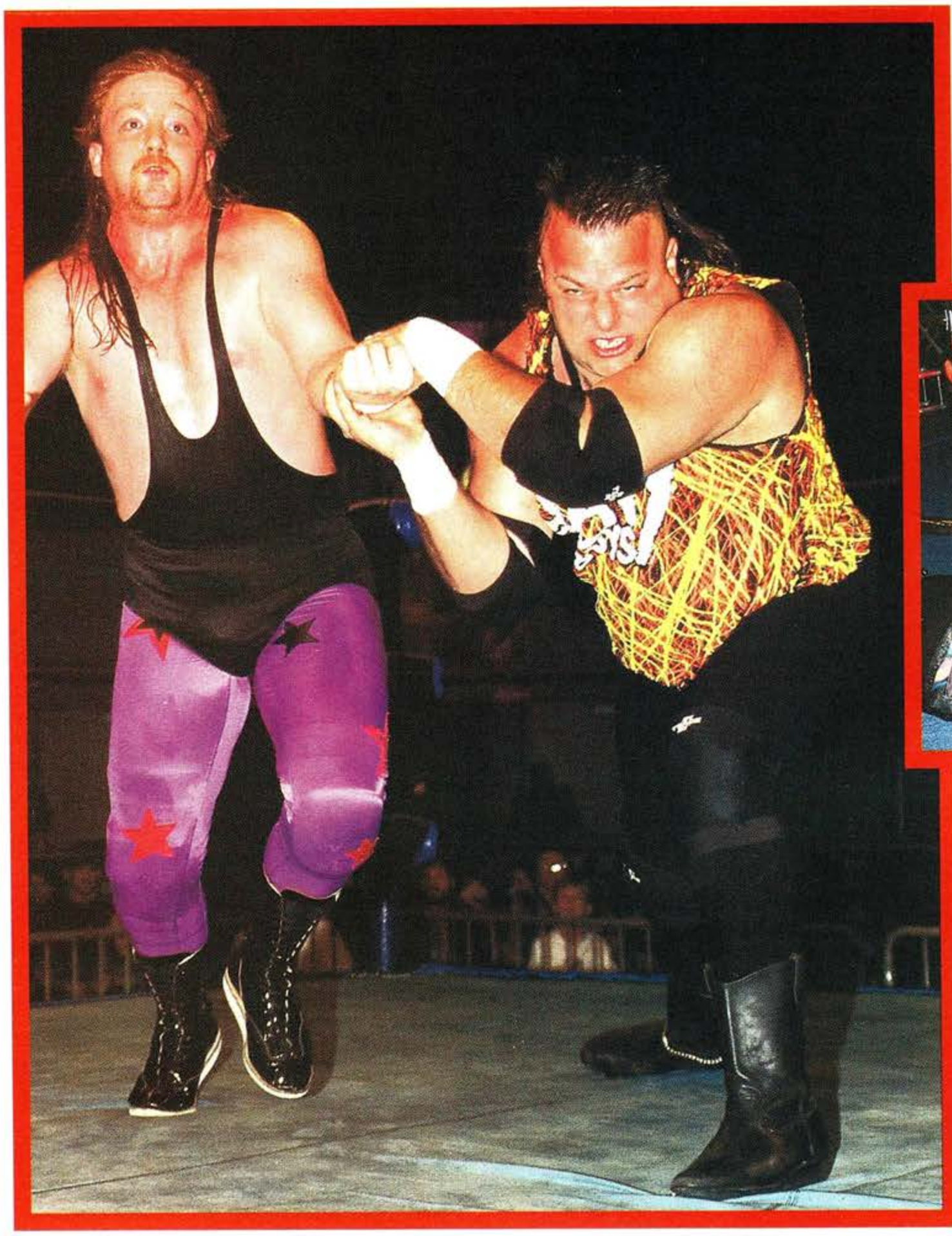
"The last time we did battle with The Road Warriors, Nasty Boulevard was under construction. Now, it's a major thoroughfare, if you know what I mean. So, Road Warriors, if you want a piece of us, hey, you're always welcome," Sags said. "We like to think of ourselves as equal opportunity wrestlers...we'll dish out pain to anyone."

After ending their initial feud with The Steiners several years back, Knobs and Sags joined forces with Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart. The three-way marriage was golden. The Nasties won the WWF Tag Team titles in no time at all, dethroning The Hart Foundation.

So, is there another unification imminent?

"Don't know...can't say right now, wouldn't be prudent," Sags said with a smile, in his best impersonation of President George Bush. "Jimmy Hart was—and still is (with Hulk Hogan)—an excellent manager. He is the best in the world. He knew how to take The Nasty Boys, a raw team at the time, all the way to the top."

The Nasty Boys' Slamboree victory over Harlem Heat—before a sold out Bayfront Center crowd in St. Petersburg, FL—carried a bit of irony in its location. That's because the Sunshine State was where the Nasty Boys first learned the ropes, literally.



"During our early years in wrestling, we were trained by Brad Rheingans at Verne Gagne's Training Camp in 1984-85," Sags said. "We learned respect (for the sport) by going through an Olympic camp, learning all the aspects of amateur wrestling on an Olympic mat. We learned discipline and a rugged style of wrestling which we then adapted to become The Nasty Boys."

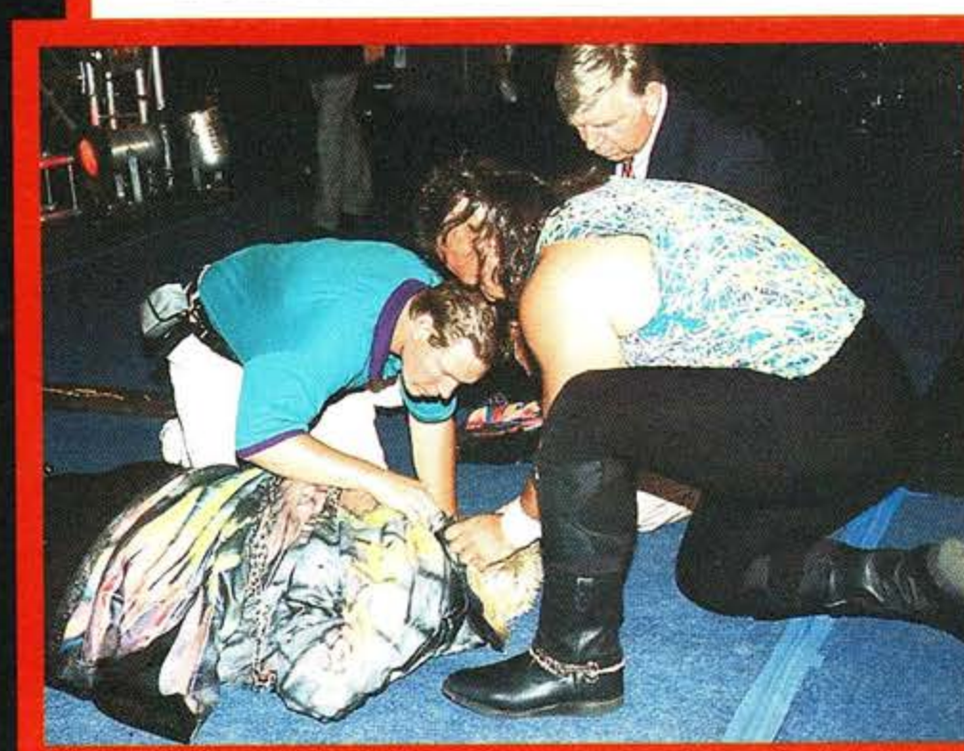
Added Knobs, "Even though we started out at the bottom rung of the pro wrestling ranks, early on we faced some of the top talent in the world: Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, Curt Hennig, the British Bulldogs and The Road Warriors, among others. That tough competition all but forced us to get strong because, as you know, only the strong survive."

The Nasty Boys, former Little League Baseball teammates, have since met every foe in WCW, handling most of them with ease. But what about those defeats to Scorpio & Bagwell and Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan?

"First off, Scorpio & Bagwell were just a 24-hour blip. We lost the belts, but won them back the next day," Sags said. "As for Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan, what kind of a match was that? You had that Philly Flier goon, Dave Schultz there as a referee, cheating. You had Evad Sullivan and Maxx Payne interfering. My reckoning makes that 5-on-2. I don't remember signing for a handicap match. That was bogus and the victory should never have been allowed."

"Hey, but we're The Nasty Boys, we take a lickin' and we keep on tickin'," added Knobs. "We're back on top so what does the past matter!"

So what's the reason for their success? Is it chemistry? Is it luck? Is it skill? A combination of all those?



"Brian and I are the best of friends; that's one of the main reasons we are so successful," Sags said. "Plus, we're a natural tag team, not some 'Dream Team,' like Vader & Ric Flair or Hulk Hogan & "Macho Man" Randy Savage. Sure, those are good—make that great tag teams—but, when you put two wrestlers together who are primarily singles wrestlers, they don't really know how to be a tag team. Sure, they can wrestle together. But, they can't fight together. And we've been fighting our whole lives."

"We just go into each and every match with a simple plan to scrap..."

Knobs continued, "People often ask us, 'Do you have different strategies for all your opponents?' Well, the answer is simple: NO! We just go into each and every match with a simple plan to scrap, fight and win at all cost. Sure, the sport is wrestling, but, when a good old-fashioned street-fight, a Pier Six brawl breaks out...well, that's just fine with us."

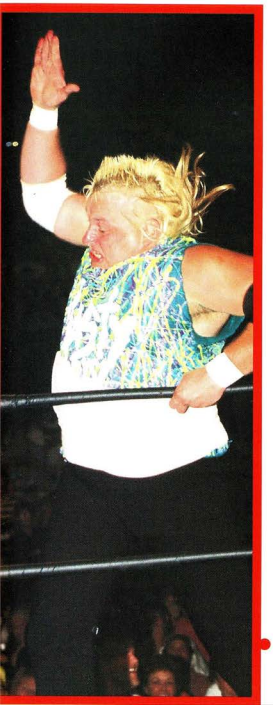
Hence, The Nasty Boys-Steiner Brothers battle would have offered an interesting match-up in styles.

The Steiners, who have been wrestling in Japan for the past couple of years, are not the brawling kind. They are, rather, the masters of every known scientific hold—and counter-move.

So perhaps The Nasty Boys will, as usual, have to rely on the oldreliable: The Pit Stop.

"Come on down so we can nasticize you two college punks."

"Out of sight...out of mind," Knobs bellowed. "The Steiners say they are 'THE' tag team of the 1990s, but, we are the only ones who have been here the whole time. The Steiners may have been the '80s. **WE ARE THE '90S!** If they are so great,



"...when you leave Nasty Boulevard, you'll wish you were back picking cotton..."

where have they been? Maybe they're hiding from us. We've wrestled in Japan as well over the past two years and they ducked us there, too. Come on down so we can NASTICIZE you two college punks."

Said Sags, "Ten years from now, when we're retired, living on a beach in Tahiti surrounded by a bunch of Nasty Girls, the record books will say: The Nasty Boys; the greatest tagteam of the 1990's."

Don't tell that to The Blue Bloods or Blue Birds as Knobs calls them! Lord Steven Regal and Earl Robert Eaton emerged at **Slamboree** as a major pain in the back to Knobs and Sags. Robert's chair-shots to Knobs almost cost The Nasty Boys their title shot that evening as Sags was forced to battle Booker T and Stevie Ray by himself for the majority of the match.

"Hey Earrrrrl," Sags snaps, "so you're liking the good life with Lumpy Steven. Well, let me tell you something, when you leave Nasty Boulevard, you'll wish you were back picking cotton with your redneck cousins in Alabama."

Said Knobs, "When we get our hands on you, we're not just going to beat you, we're going to hurt you. We're going to really find out what color the blood is that flows through your veins. And, hey, if you're so confident that you can beat us, how about a title vs. title match...I can see it now, Champion Lord Jerry Sags and Champion Earl Brian Knobs."

The Nasty Boys offer these views on WCW superstars:

HARLEM HEAT
"A big, vicious team, but they just aren't NASTY!"

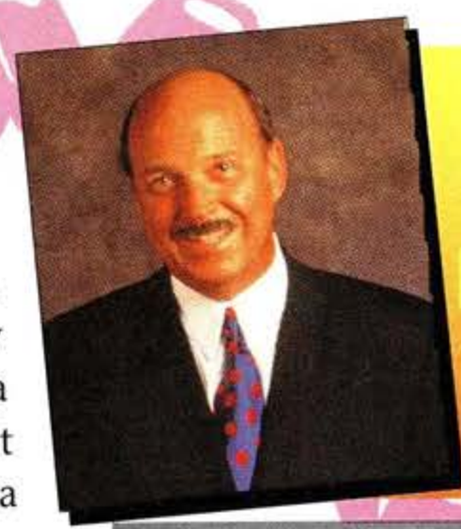
BLUE BLOODS
"Lord Steven Regal used to hang around with a guy in a monkey suit...now he just hangs around with a monkey."

STUD STABLE
"A bunch of rednecks who deserve a trip to Pity City."

RIC FLAIR, ARN ANDERSON & VADER
"Too many egos. We're predicting a huge break-up...it's Vader Time!"

MONSTER MANIACS
"Of course they're always welcome in Nastyville."

STING
"Has the makings of a Nasty Boy."



HOTLINE

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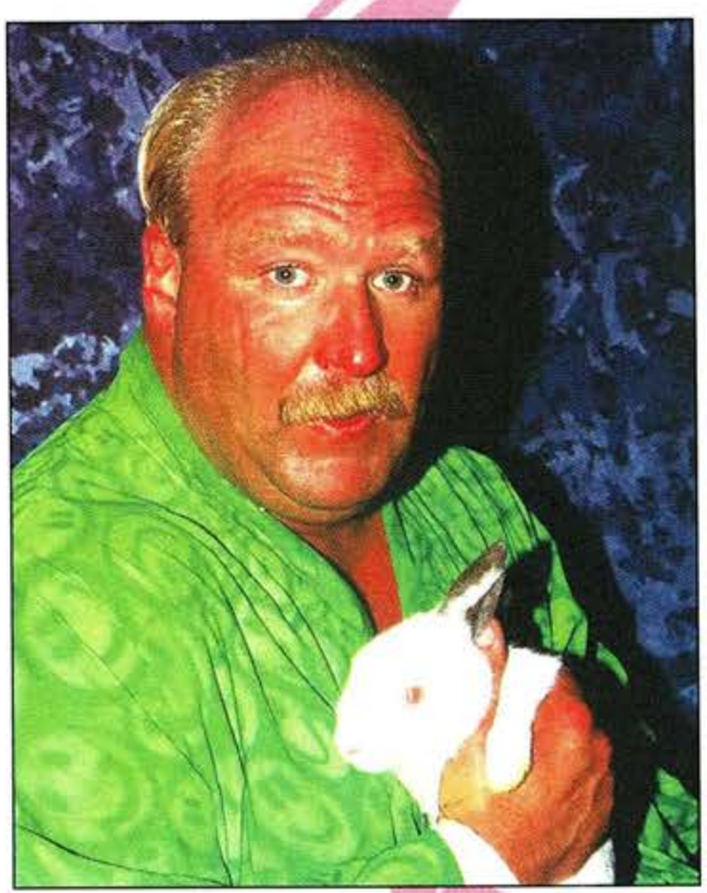
I want to start this month's column on a personal note, offering thanks to all of you who have written and called WCW's Atlanta headquarters concerning my health. As you might know, I had a kidney transplant on March 15, at the University of Minnesota Transplant Center. It was done by Dr. John Najarian and Dr. Mikel Prieato and all is well with me.

Another thing going well is the **WCW Backstage Pass**, which has been available at the past five or so Pay-Per-Views. **Backstage Pass** gives fans, especially those who can't pick up the event through their cable company or on radio, the chance to periodically check in and hear true insider info. **WCW Backstage Pass** is like someone at the Indianapolis 500 talking to a pit crew member—during the race. **The Backstage Pass** is available from 7 - 10 p.m., the night of the event and is hosted by Mark Madden and Mike Tenay. Check it out!

One of the biggest shockers of '95 was the despicable act by Ric Flair, Arn Anderson and Vader against Randy Savage's father, Angelo Poffo. I've been told that the guilty trio were fined in excess of $100,000 by Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel. All of the money collected is being donated to pay Angelo's hospital bills.

Another Slamboree shocker was the cheap-shot by Earl Robert of The Blue Bloods on Brian Knobs of The Nasty Boys. Well, in retribution, I hear that the Nasties have been working out extra hard...and not showering, of course. So, needless to say, the Pit Stop will carry maximum effect.

It seems as though, everywhere I go, people wanna know, who is the Renegade? Well, unfortunately I don't have any new major scoops,



other than the one you could have heard in late-June on my hotline (that is, that I believe he hails from Boston). Beyond that, it's anyone's guess, but I'll tell you, he looks very familiar.

Diamond Dallas Page, Max Muscle and the Diamond Doll, have been spotted countless times inside a branch of Chase Manhattan bank. One has to wonder how long his millions will last!

Here's one scoop about the Diamond Doll that I know for a fact...she loves animals. And, Dave Sullivan loves Ralph The Rabbit. Hmmm. I hope DDP hasn't seen the movie Fatal Attraction.

Sting vs. Meng has to be a Match of the Year candidate.

There is one MAJOR rumor circulating as of press time and it involves another wrestling organization. I have learned that three of the biggest superstars at the other organization—and I do literally mean biggest superstars (in stature and name)—could be arriving in WCW any day. If that happened, it would be the biggest announcement of the year, unquestionably.

Also, I've learned that WCW fans probably will be seeing many new Japanese wrestlers here in the States in the coming months.

Does Ric Flair kiss the ground he's walking on for his reinstatement? If not, he should!

Kevin Sullivan, sorry, The Taskmaster is constantly in transition. He's a loner who constantly meditates and worships demons. He does not know who he is, never has known who he is and never will know. He clearly is affected by the people he's around. Heck, if he was around me for a week—not that that's something I want, mind you—he'd probably want a broadcasting gig at ESPN or TBS Superstation.

Have we seen the last of Sister Sherri supporting Harlem Heat? Yes, I say...and I'm going on record with that. You see, knowing her background as only I do, she's the type who doesn't hang around with losers too long. So, I'm predicting that, within 60-days, she'll be on the side of someone (singles or tag-team) else.

Sting will have his best year ever in '95. Quote me on that.

Can it be, the Blonds are re-uniting. Well, if that is the case, they are the No. 1-contender to the tag team ranks. Flyin' Brian Pillman is a brilliant scientific wrestler and Stunning Steve Austin is a brilliant scientific wrestler. Sounds like a perfect match to me.

No column would be complete without some Brain Bits, as in Bobby "The Brain" Heenan. So here goes...the man is ecstatic. Why? Because Bash at the Beach is in his backyard, Southern California. Rumor has it that he requested 450-tickets for "dear, close, personal family members and friends," as he says. Well, he also has been spotted coming out of several pawn shops and ticket brokers. The shame is he doesn't realize the tickets are free!

Well, that's about it for now. Be sure and check out the buzz next month.

Mean Gene Okerlund is the co-host of the weekly WCW Main Event program on Superstation TBS. You can also hear him every Saturday on the WCW Hotline.

BUZZ

MARK MADDEN

What fills arenas?

Heck if I knew, I'd tell someone at World Championship Wrestling, and maybe I'd be getting paid a little bit more for my services. I know enough to ask someone who knows, though.

"You need a hot issue or a great rivalry and two great athletes," said Ric Flair, who saw his main event match with newly inducted Hall of Famer, Antonio Inoki, draw an all-time record 190,000 fans in Pyongyang, North Korea this past April 29. "That crowd was the most amazing thing I've ever seen in my life. From the ring, it was like you couldn't even see where the crowd ended."

The drawing power that night was provided by two all-time wrestling greats meeting for the very first time. But when WCW takes it's shot at a six-figure crowd in Huntington Beach, California, on July 16, several different factors will work in favor of such a pursuit.

The price will be right: Tickets for that days Bash on the Beach Pay-Per-View—which will literally be held on the beach—will be free.

The main event of the day will feature a hot issue and two great athletes: Hulk Hogan will experience Vader-Time, once more, this time in a steel cage. This match will presumably resolve a feud that began at Starrcade '94 and has yet to provide a decisive winner.

Hogan is no stranger to big crowds. While Flair was partially responsible for drawing the largest gathering in pro-wrestling history, Hogan has been in the main event of three of wrestling's Top 10 crowds ever.

He was in the main event of the WWF's Wrestlemania III, beating the late Andre The Giant before 78,000-plus at the Pontiac Silverdome in Michigan. This was wrestling's largest crowd until Pyongyang. Pyongyang's April 28 show, featuring a main event between Shinya Hashimoto and Scott Norton, drew a second-best crowd of 150,000.

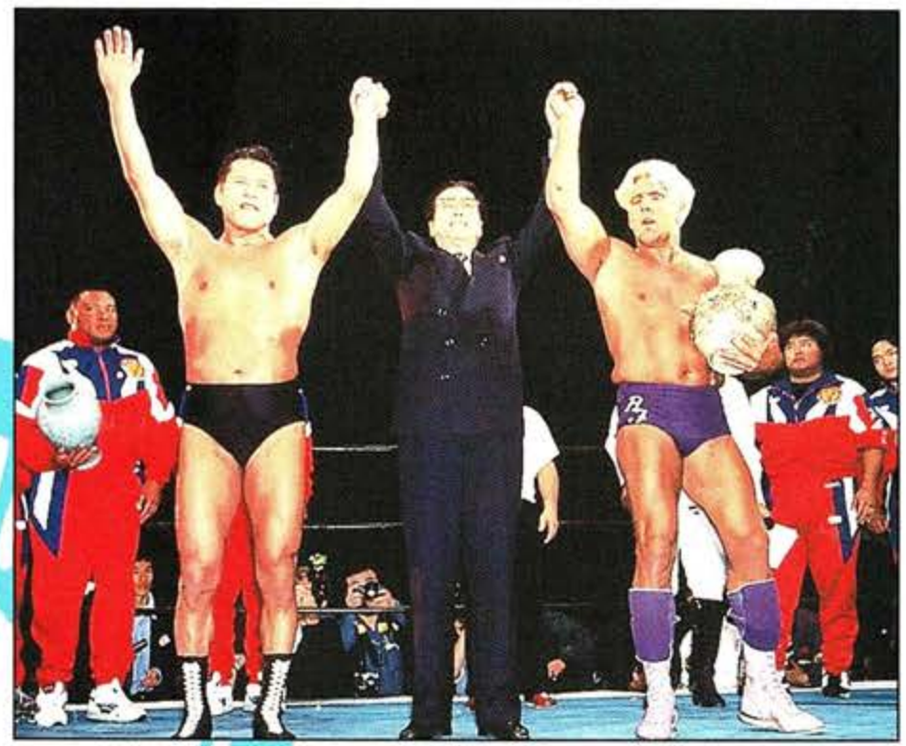
Hogan-Andre, however, which took place on March 29, 1987, was the ideal scenario for drawing a big number. How often does a seemingly invincible and incredibly popular world champion face someone who's 7-foot-5 and has been undefeated for 15 years? More to the point: When will it happen again?

Hogan was also in the main event of the August 28, 1986 show at Toronto's CNE Stadium. That card saw Hogan beat Paul Orndorff before 69,300 people: That crowd ranks fifth all-time. This was the biggest North American gate for a show that wasn't a Pay-Per-View. It struck gold because Hogan and Orndorff were at the peak of an incredible feud and because it was well sponsored and promoted.

Seventh on the all-time list: Hogan vs. Ultimate Warrior at Toronto's Skydome, which drew 64,287 for Wrestlemania VI on April 1, 1990. This, again, was a unique situation—two fan favorites squaring of in a title vs. title confrontation where it was real tough to pick a winner.

Ric Flair is all over the Top 10 list, too. Besides Pyongyang, Flair was in the top match on the No.6 show, wrestling Tatsumi Fujinami before 64,500 at the Tokyo Dome on May 21, 1991. He was a peripheral part of No.4, interfering in the Randy Savage-Ultimate Warrior main event of Summerslam '92, which drew over 75,000 to London's Wembley Stadium on August 29, 1992.

Sting was in the main event of No.10, wrestling Inoki at the Tokyo Dome this past Jan. 4.



Keep in mind that it's somewhat easier to draw a big crowd in a smaller nation like Japan because big shows are accessible from virtually all parts of the country. And because fans have to see the card in person if they want to see it at all (Japan has no Pay-Per-View). Also keep in mind, first and foremost, that Japan has some awesome wrestling and promoting.

But so does WCW!

We'll see how awesome they are when they total the crowd at Huntington Beach.

One fact worth noting: WCW currently has wrestlers from the main events of seven of the Top 10 crowds of all time.

The surest way to shoot for a huge crowd in North America in this day and age would be having inter-federation matches. Since that doesn't look like it's going to happen anytime soon, perhaps a supercard pitting the best wrestlers from WCW and, say, New Japan Pro Wrestling might take a shot (Ed's Note: Watch this space). First, though, New Japan wrestlers would have to be exposed to North American fans on more than just an occasional basis, a la Great Muta.

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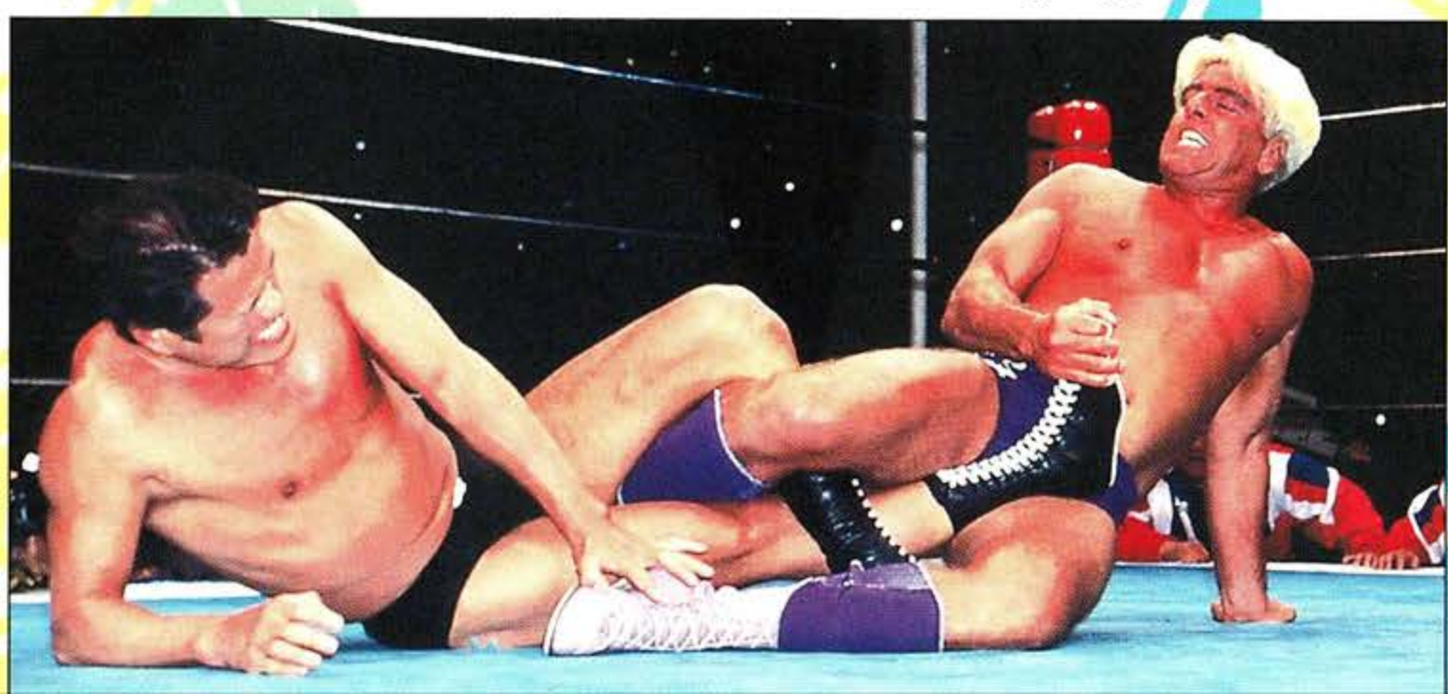
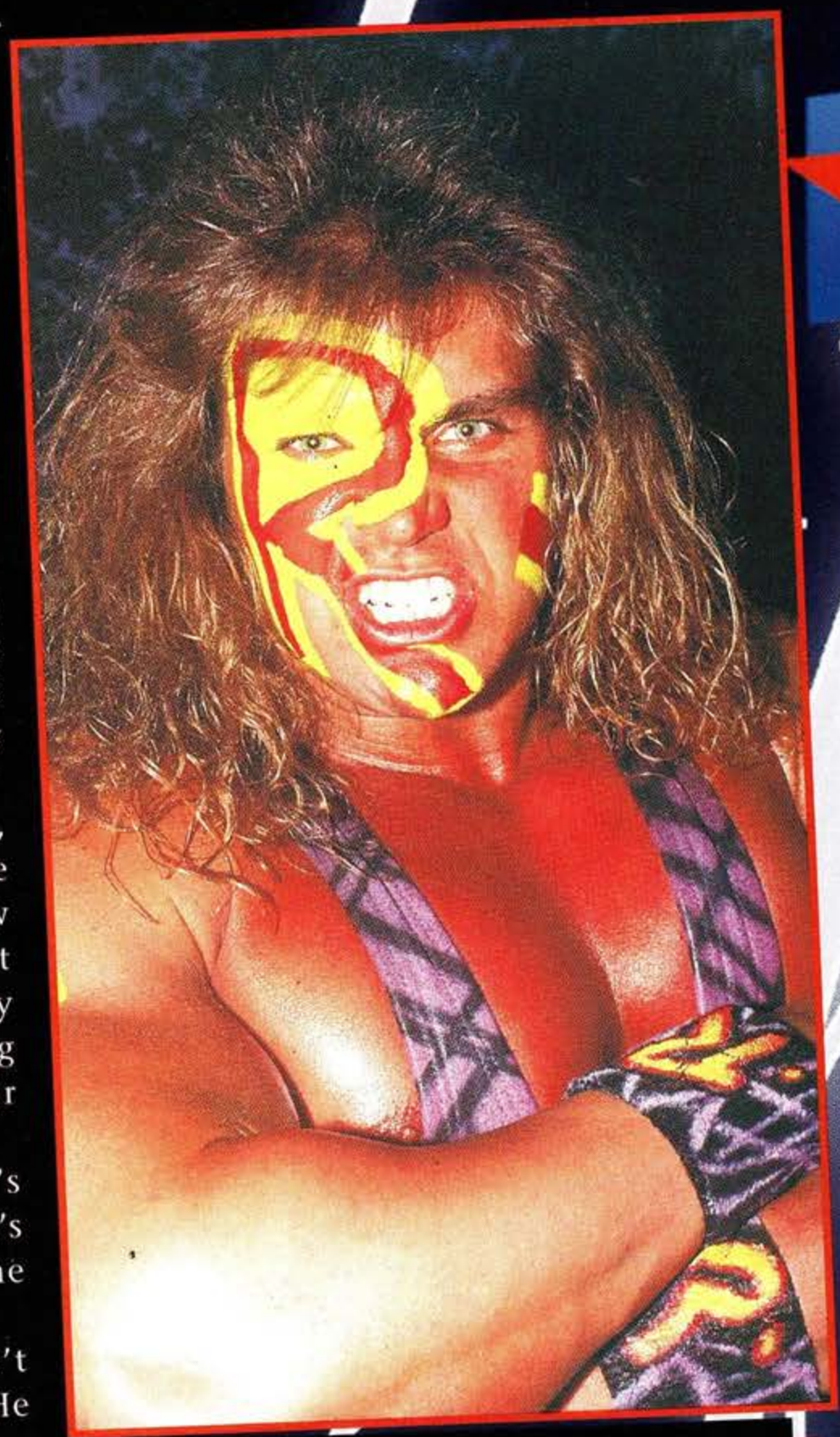


RISING RENE



After weeks of relentlessly pursuing Renegade, the mysterious cohort of the Monster Maniacs, we were finally granted a meeting. It took place inside a building, the whereabouts of which we promised never to reveal.

The room itself was pitch black, save for the seven candles burning in the corner. As any gracious host would do, Renegade cordially inviting us inside his domain.

He was mellow at the start, surprisingly mellow from what we had seen of him for the past few months on WCW TV. We sat down in the presence of Jimmy Hart and, after exchanging salutations, we began our interview.

So, what are the Renegade's roots? Where's he from? What's his background? Where did he learn to wrestle?

Forget it...Renegade won't respond to those questions. He looked up to the sky and began speaking rather slowly.

"Who I was, where I come from...that is in the past and that is unimportant. I am Renegade and I am here in WCW, that is what matters."

"I am a complete Hulkamaniac, with yellow and red blood pulsing through my veins and beating in my heart," Renegade explained, as he began pacing feverishly around the room.

"I live by the Hulkster's demandments. Hulk Hogan has been my role model; I have watched him through all his great battles and now I just can't put into words how it feels to be standing by his side, watching his back."

Renegade made his WCW debut in March, at **Uncensored**, tearing down the aisle to aid the World Champion. Just as quick as he appeared, so did the rumors. Bobby "The Brain" Heenan insisted he had seen Renegade before, "perhaps in a former life," he said. But, no surprise, "The Brain" couldn't place him. Mean Gene Okerlund also was at a rare loss for words concerning the face-painted muscleman.

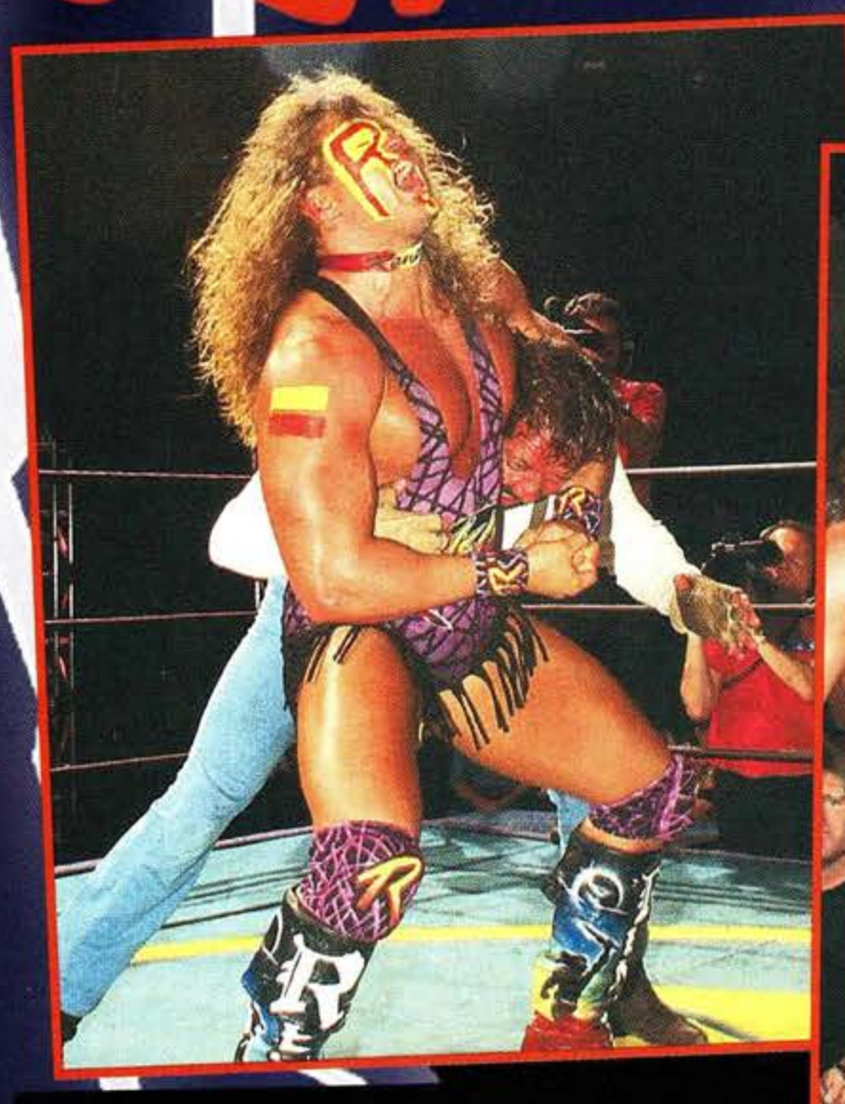
"The electricity and crowd reaction at **Uncensored** surprised me. It was so enjoyable because that's what I feed on. I draw my power and intensity from them and use it to overcome my opponents" admits Renegade. "I was so happy to be able to help Hulk that night, keeping (Ric) Flair on the outside (of the ring) and letting the Hulkster focus on Vader inside."

Certainly, in a short space of time Renegade has won the fans over. To what does he attribute his acclaim?

"My intensity. Other wrestlers walk toward the ring calm and focused, I just go all out crazy, straight into action one-million miles a second, the fans make me feel invulnerable. They seem to love the excitement that I generate...I'll never let them down."

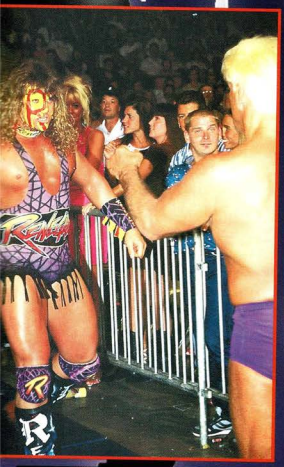
And so far he hasn't. Renegade still holds an unblemished slate in WCW and his wildman antics have proved incredibly successful since his arrival.

"I am very satisfied with my progress to date here in WCW," said Renegade, "things have gone better than I could have ever imagined. The Hulkster has been a tremendous influence, as have (manager) Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart, "Macho Man" Randy Savage and Sting. Without them, I wouldn't be here."



The aura of mystery surrounding Renegade also seemed to extend to Hart during the interview, as he was nearly stone-silent, something completely unheard of in Hart's illustrious career. Finally, he spoke, in a much more reserved tone than normal: "The Hulkster called me on the phone one day and said, 'Jimmy, we need to find a great Hulkamaniac, the greatest of all time, one who can carry the banner of Hulkamania forever.' Well, shortly after that conversation and, as if he fell from the skies, we found Renegade who truly is like no other warrior in the history of battle. The Hulkster sized him up, all 6-foot 2-inch, 275-pounds and nodded approvingly. But, before the Champ set his full seal on Renegade, he insisted that I go around with him 24-hours a day, to make sure he lives and breathes the word of Hulkamania. And, ya

STAR GADE



know baby, Renegade does just that, plus some."

Hart went on to say that Renegade could be trusted like a brother and that he never would be overtaken by greed, ambition and petty jealousy like so many of Hulk's so-called friends in the past.

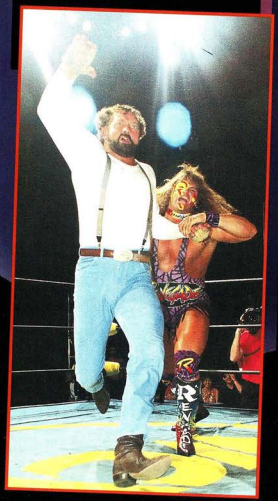
"Renegade is not the kind of friend who will stab you in the back," Hart said, "he is the true standard bearer for Hulkamania, charged with the mission to carry it forward as it enters a new era."

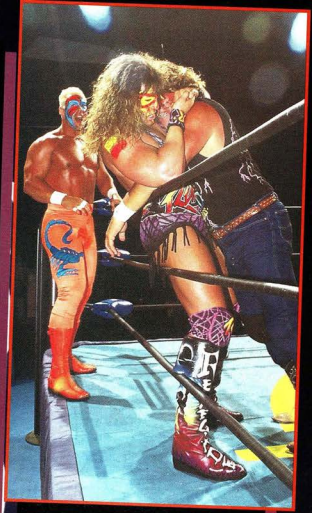
He also is a mystery, one that the great Sherlock Holmes would even have trouble unraveling. You see, Renegade is a very private person, incredibly private. Executives at the WCW's 12th-floor, headquarters in Atlanta were unable to give us any leads on how to contact him. We just had to sit tight and wait for him to come to us.

"No one knows a thing about Renegade, which, quite frankly might be the way he and Hogan like it," Heenan said. "but, I am a broadcast-journalist, so I need to know all the facts...although I never let the facts get in the way of a good story. Trust me, as I live and breath, Bobby "The Brain" Heenan will be the one who, ultimately, finds out the truth about Renegade."

In the meantime, Renegade is side-by-side with Hogan and Savage, and he often teams with Sting.

"There has never been a force of four like us in WCW's past and it'll never happen again in the future. So many things happen once in a decade or once in a lifetime, this is a unique situation. I don't know if the universe and planets were in a certain alignment, but there is some great force that bonds us all together," Renegade said. "We are a group, as one and we will dominate this sport. We help each other and there is no jealousy between us. Sure, I personally prefer singles action to tag team wrestling but, I am willing to do anything for the good of Hulkamania."





As the interview came to an end, Renegade grabbed this reporter by the shoulder and looked deep—and I do mean deep —into my eyes. He bellowed, "I have looked in to the very souls of our opponents. I have seen the fabric that binds them."

"Ric Flair may be very crafty and very experienced but he has already experienced the power of Renegade. He knows that I'm not just a regular wrestler, but rather, the No.1 Hulkamaniac and an insurmountable force."

"Arn Anderson is Flair's protege and has to be watched. I'm looking forward to meeting him inside the squared-circle, because he will be my first step toward immortality."

"Vader is a big, powerful man. When you look into his eyes, you can see his many victories and the pain he has inflicted but, by the same token, he has seen that I am not scared of him. I respect his power and ability, but I do not fear him. I look forward to meeting him and absorbing his intensity, experience, power and turning it to my advantage."

Mysterious, mythical and fiercely loyal to the Hulkster and his fans. Yes, Renegade has arrived in WCW and the future is going to be anything but dull!

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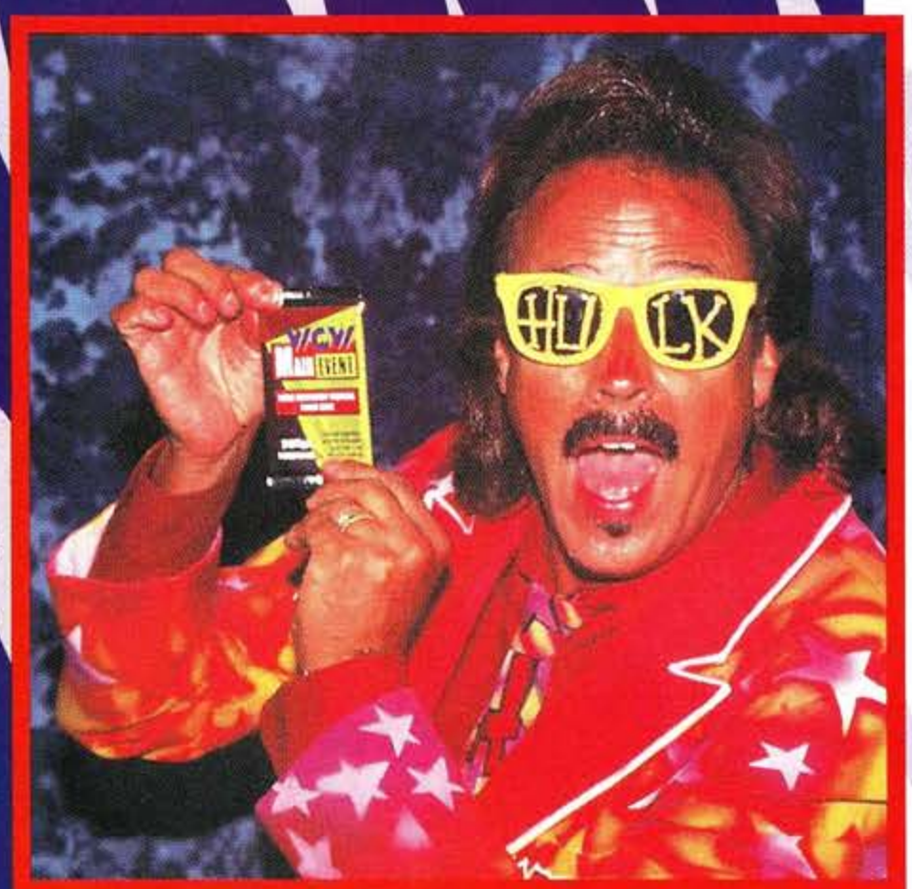
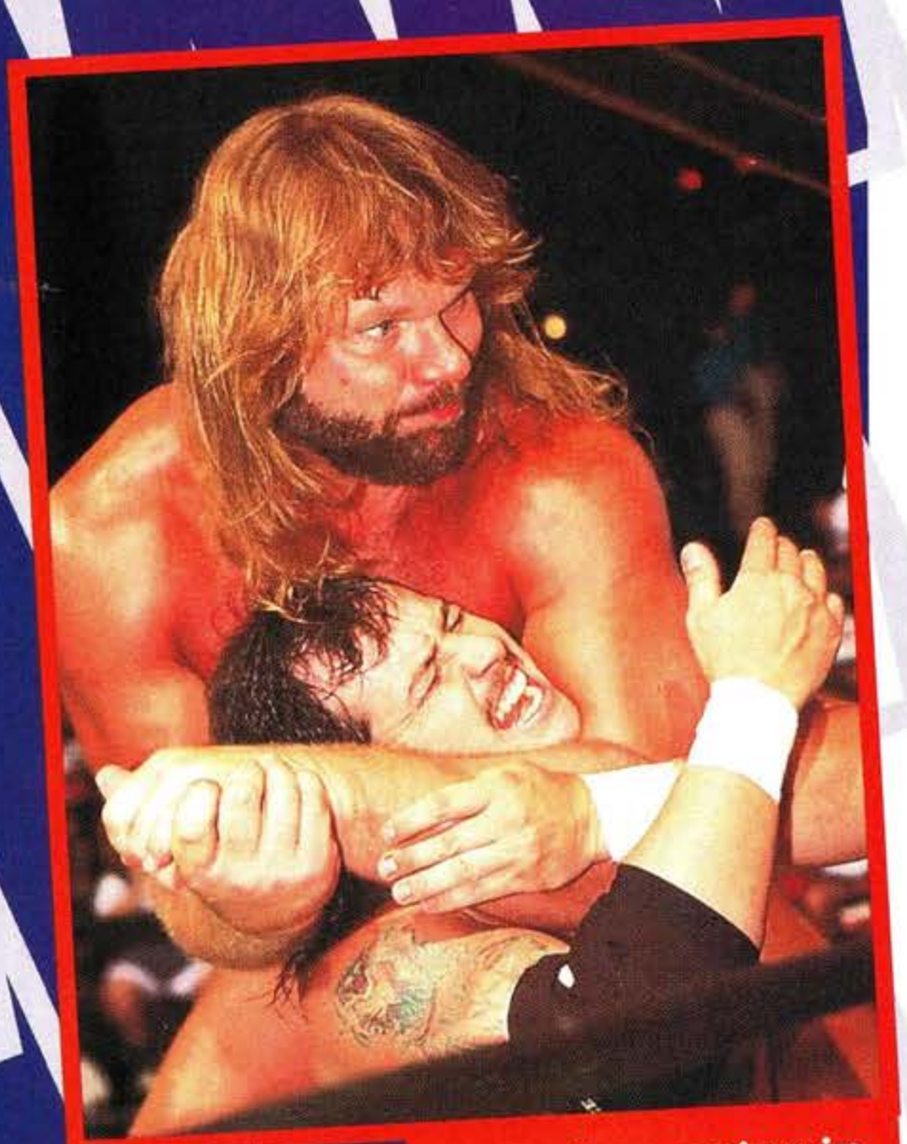


Time to see the light



What's growing in that beard?

Hello, humanoids, it's me, Bobby "The Brain" Heenan, your loyal, dedicated, hard-working humble broadcast-journalist. Just in case you forgot: I earned the 1994 Announcer of the Year award!

I sure think it's about time the editors of this rag finally realize that I am the only reason people actually buy it. It's also about time they bumped me up to four or five pages, not just two. The editors also ought to bump out that useless **Talking Point With Tony Schiavone**. As they say...the more "BRAIN" the better.

So, Sting and Renegade have formed a tag-team. That's great, especially since they want to be known as Dumb and Dumber.

Am I the only one who wonders if the face gear Vader wears is restricting the blood-flow to his brain? Not that there's anything wrong with my buddy Vader but, he seems a bit high-strung these days. Maybe it's just too much caffeine. Or, more likely, maybe it's the antics of Hulk Hogan, "Macho Man" Randy Savage and that dirtball Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel.

Speaking of Bockwinkel, did you hear that he and Gordon Solie have formed a tag team? Well, it's true, like all my information. Instead of having their combined weights announced before each match, the ring announcer will simply say, "With a combined 200 years on earth, let me introduce to you..."

That leads me to that nerd David Penzer, that sad excuse of a ring announcer. Gee, I wonder who taught him how to speak...Rosanne Arnold or Pee Wee Herman? Come to think of it, Penzer kind of reminds me of both. Maybe I should become WCW's premiere ring announcer.

I wonder...if Jimmy Hart took off those stupid sunglasses, do you think he'd see the light and realize that now is the time to jump off the Hulkamania bandwagon. Ya know something else, Hart is a pretty stupid surname. It's not a name that's going to be top of the list when the experts analyze wrestling history.

What makes Johnny B. Badd so bad? I think it's his breath. Or maybe it's that cheesy mustache.

I saw a news-flash the other day on CNN: The Love Shack in Boise, Idaho was burglarized and the only thing taken were some cheap $1.49 curtains. Have you seen that new outfit Meng wears to the ring? Hmmm.

Has anyone had a conversation or a match with "Pitbull" Pittman that lasted more than seven seconds?

Kevin Sullivan and Kamala? Talk about a perfect pair; one you can't have a conversation with and the other you don't want to have one with.

Yes, it is possible that winning the World Tag Team titles from Harlem Heat will prove beneficial for The Nasty Boys, not to mention the rest of America. (I'd include you goofy foreigners in this sentence but... well, I just don't care about you, so why bother.) Anyway, with their added income, perhaps the Nasty Boys can now afford haircuts, dental appointments, personal hygiene supplies and maybe even a trip to Weight Watchers.

What's growing inside "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan's beard?

STOP THE PRESSES, Part I: Meng smiled for approximately 2.3 seconds at the Memorial Day barbeque Col. Robert Parker hosted for The Stud Stable. Needless to say, I also got an invite.

Poor Angelo Poffo. It just broke my heart to see him tortured at his

age—89—by Ric Flair, Vader and Arn Anderson. Oh well, I guess Savage will have to seek help from his mommy, Judy, who at age 93, is still a great athlete: she can walk from her rented furniture to the bathroom in less than 10 minutes...and it's only 10 steps away.

Do you know what's good about Sting? Me neither!

"Das Wunderpunk"Alex Wright shouldn't have even been mentioned in the same breath with Arn Anderson, let alone have been granted a title shot.

I am so impressed with The Blue Bloods, as are millions worldwide. Talk about honorable wrestlers. I have been told that Lord Steven Regal and Earl Robert Eaton will appear, starting in August, on all newly-printed English pound notes.

STOP THE PRESSES, Part II: At a post-Slamboree press conference in St. Petersburg, Dusty Rhodes finally spoke his first recognizable word. Granted it was the word "a," but that's a start.

It isn't too often that I offer free advice but, I sort of feel it's my obligation. So, here's some for Flyin' Brian Pillman: Introduce yourself to a barber, but not one recommended by The Nasty Boys.

In case you were curious, yes, there was very little in this column about Hulk Hogan—and that was intentional. I am working with my crack staff of journalists on an investigative piece about Hulkamania that will truly shock World Championship Wrestling, much more than his arrival here about a year ago. Hopefully we'll have it finished by next issue, so stay tuned.

Let's see what's in the mailbox and hopefully no more of those letters—written in crayon—wondering when will I return to managing. Well, the answer is simple: NEVER! I'm a broadcast-journalist.

Dear Bobby,

What were your thoughts when you heard Ric Flair say he would become a Hulkamaniac during his "Be Fair to Flair" campaign segments?

Andrew Andrijeski, Atwood, KS

"Well, Andy boy, I guess that one rented TV in Kansas doesn't work too well. Ric said crush Hulkamania, not join Hulkamania. Glad to help."

Dear Brain,

Why can't you just admit that Sting, "Macho Man"Randy Savage, Alex Wright and The Nasty Boys are the true wrestlers of today. Sting is the all-time greatest, not that jerk Flair. So come on, wake up and smell the coffee."

Kristy Holtzman, Sycamore, IL

"No thanks, I prefer tea."

Dear Brain,

I hate it when the humanoids call you 'Weasel.' I think it's degrading to weasels.

J. Davis, Big Sandy, TN

"Obviously the entire city of Big Sandy doesn't want to offend weasels. They are a delicacy there, right?"

Dear Brain,

You said the gorgeous Sherri has asked you out on a date. Well, I can't think of any human, or otherwise, who would go out with you. You must be lying?

S. Land, Heathrow, Middx

"Try telling that to the new Miss Universe who, naturally, is from here in the USA...she calls me at least 45 times per week."

Dear Heenan,

What do you think of the mysterious Renegade?

D. Mathews, Burien, WA

"He is mysterious."

Dear Bobby,

Should Ric Flair re-form the Four Horseman to counteract Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Renegade and Sting?

David Taylor, Roath, Wales

"Good question, David, perhaps the best in, oh, four months. I know for a fact that Ric Flair has a secret trick up his sleeve to combat those four idiots. Write me again in four months and I'll tell you about the plan."

Dear Brain,

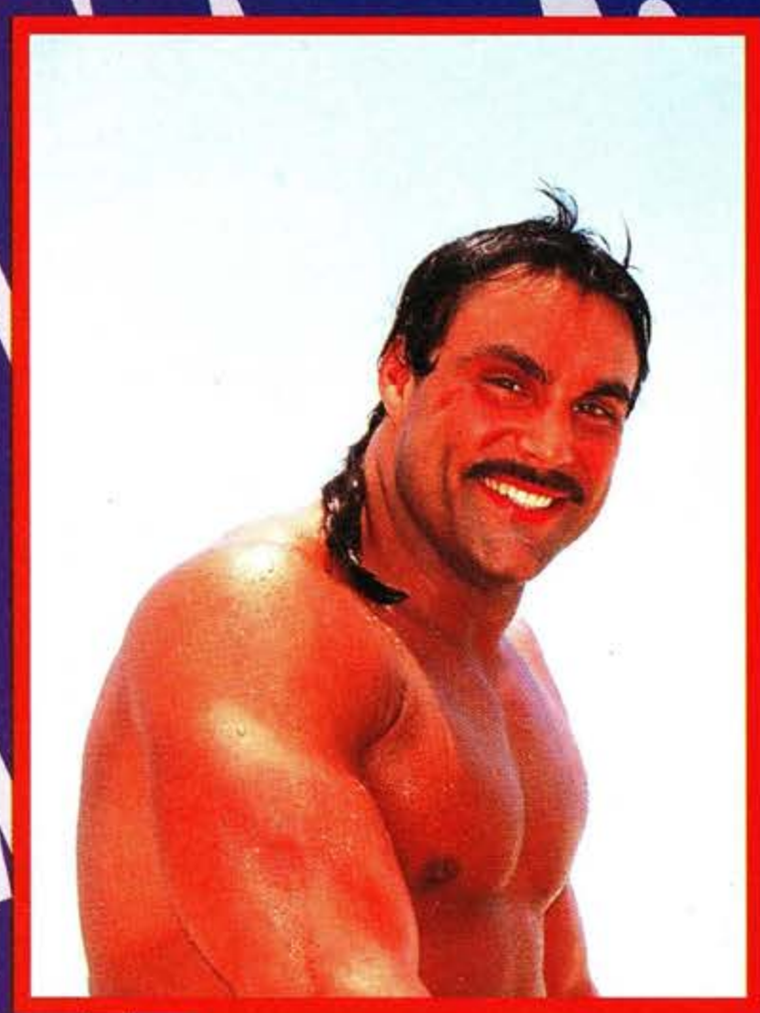
As I was going through the dictionary, I came across the word 'perfect' and there was your picture. Do you feel everyone gets on your case because of this?

Rick Hiner, Roanoke, VA

"Yes, without a doubt. I know Roanoke is almost as bad as Indianapolis, but why were you reading the dictionary? That must be a good book report you're doing."

Well, that's the boring part of my job done for another month!

Sincerely Yours,
The Brain



Mr. Cheesy

Appearing soon on British currency

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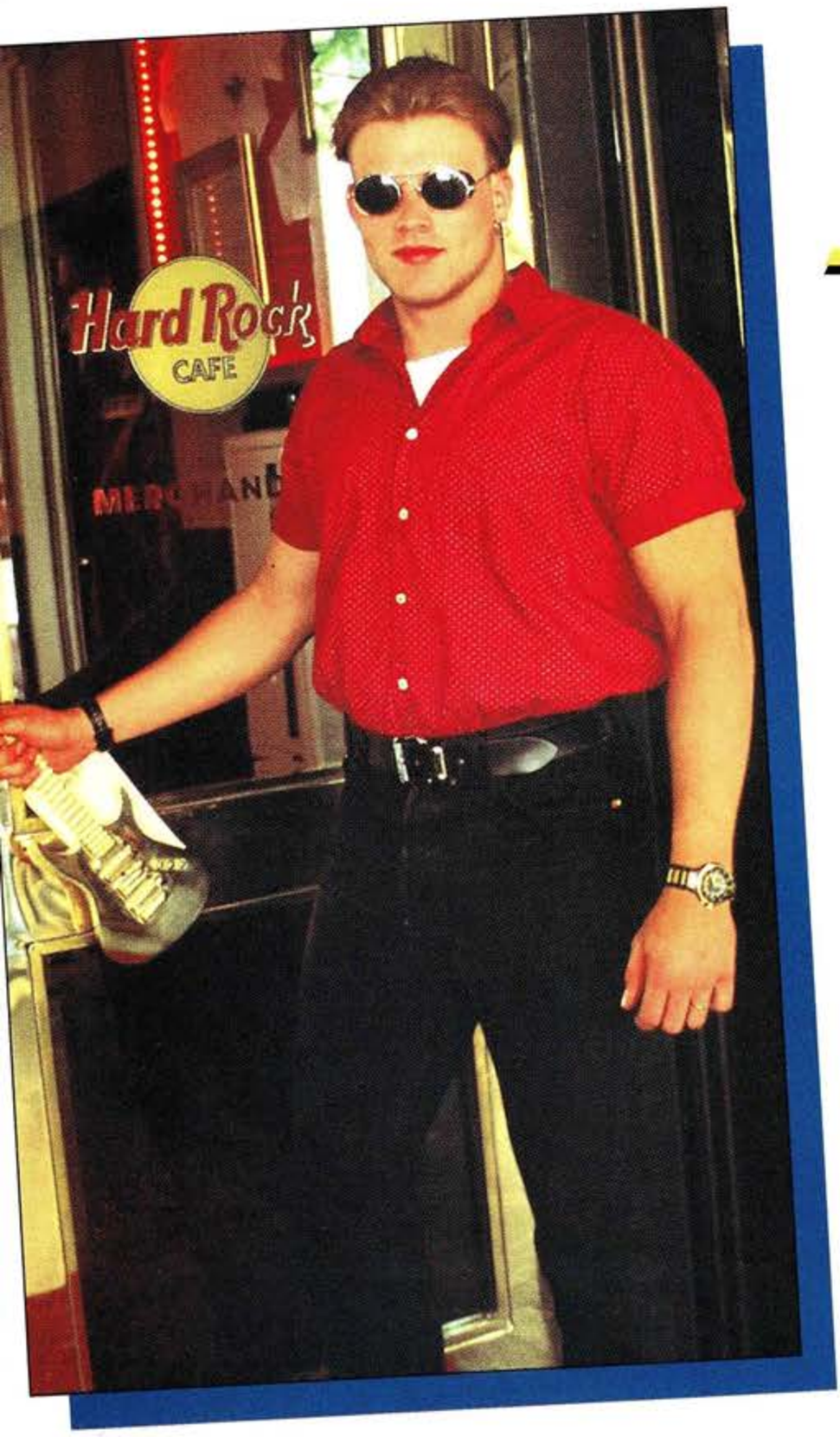
FACE THE FANS

Talk about a quick rise to stardom. "Das Wunderkind" Alex Wright, the fresh, flashy phenom from Nuremburg, Germany, has vaulted to the upper echelon of WCW superstars with aerial assaults, devastating upper-cuts and an incredible ring savvy for one so young.

This month's hopeful journalist is J. Banks, from Pameray, Ohio.



Alex, why did you become a professional wrestler and how long have you been wrestling?

"My father, Steve Wright, was a wrestler for 25 years. When he was young, he wrestled in America, Mexico and Japan, among other countries. Later on, when he started to raise a family, he mainly wrestled in Europe. He was a 16-time champion who taught me all of the basics of the European style. I always wanted to be a professional wrestler and follow in his footsteps. I still remember when I was a young kid playing around in the ring with him...the same ring where he later trained me. My father has always been happy about my desire to wrestle; he's always encouraged me."

Do you miss Germany? How different is it from the U.S.?

"I miss my country very much, particularly because I am here alone which is very lonely. I am very young, only just 19, so I can't go out to too many places because, unlike Europe, you have to be over 21 to go to a lot of places. I miss my family as well. However, the people here have been very friendly, very polite; they have helped me settle in tremendously."

Who is your best friend in wrestling? Do you plan to move into the tag-team ranks?

"I plan to remain in singles competition for a while because I can concentrate on my own style. I find tag-team wrestling very difficult. My best friend is Johnny B. Badd. I train with him, at Sting's Main Event Gym here in Atlanta. Johnny has helped me with my special diet, which includes eating no pizza. A real hardship for me as I love pizza.

What is your idea of fun away from the ring?

"Working out, meeting people, sports, dancing and reading."

What do you like best/worst about being in WCW?

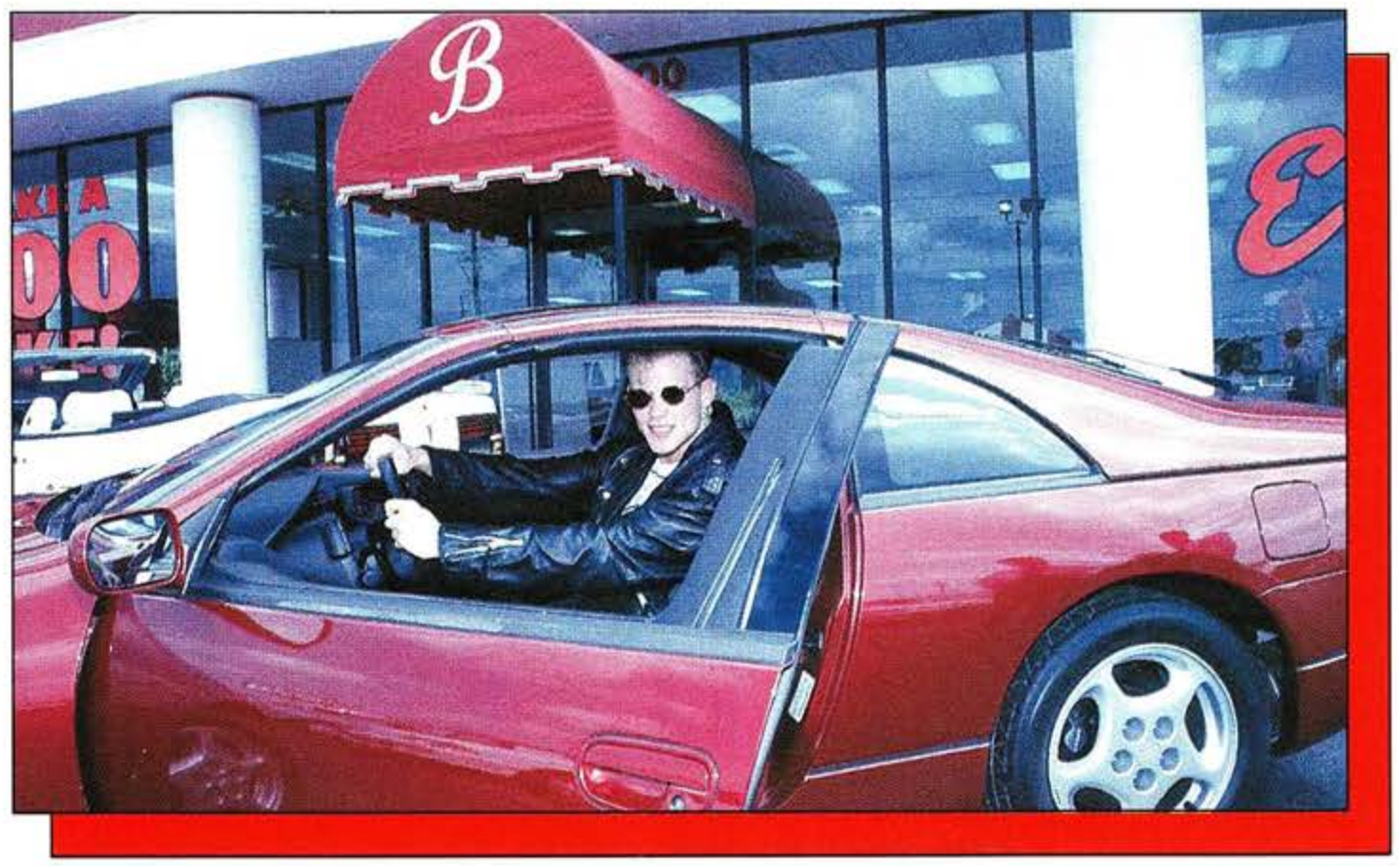
"WCW is the greatest wrestling company in America and it definitely has the best wrestlers. I have always wanted to compete against Ric Flair and Arn Anderson...now I get the chance. There really is nothing I don't like about WCW, no 'worst' thing as you say. I guess the only negative thing—if you consider this to be one—is that with my travel schedule, I don't have much time to meet a girlfriend."

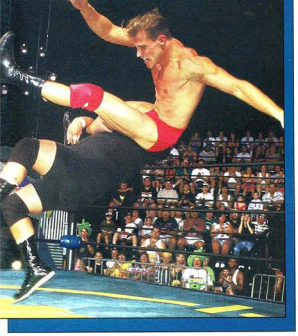
Is your family still in Germany? Do they plan to move to the U.S.? What do they think about you being so far from home?

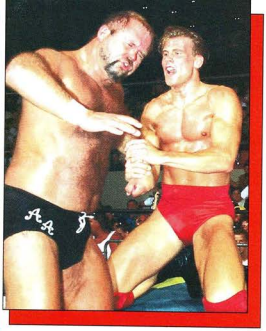
"They don't plan to move here; they like Germany. They miss me very much and my mom, like all moms, is worried about her son. She still thinks of me as a child and is always concerned about whether I am looking after myself. She is, however, used to it from my father's wrestling career."

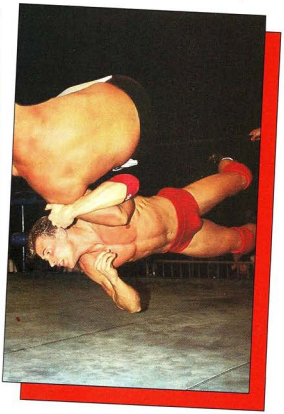
What title would you like to win first? Do you think it will take long for you to be a champion?

"I am very disappointed that I was not able to beat Arn Anderson at Slamboree and just as disappointed in my U.S. Tournament match against Ric Flair. However, I appreciate how many great wrestlers there are in WCW. Hopefully soon, I again will be a No.1-contender, for any title. I will then, as always, give it my best shot."









Who has been your toughest opponent so far?

"They are all tough, because I am not as experienced as many of them. So much of every match I'm in is about learning. Big Bubba, Arn Anderson and Ric Flair have been exceptionally tough matches. I was black and blue for days after each match."

Who would you like to be in a tag team with: Sting, "Macho Man" Randy Savage or Hulk Hogan?

"As I said earlier, I don't want to be in a permanent tag team with anyone right now. However, it surely would be great to be with any of these men. I admire each of them and I could learn so much.

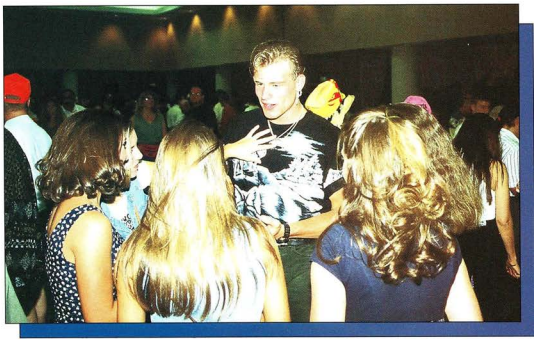
How did you feel when Randy Savage cost you the victory in the match against Ric Flair?

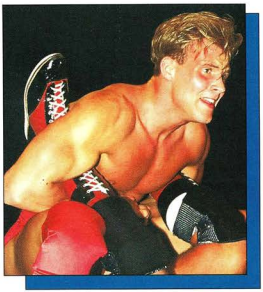
"I was very disappointed and confused at the time, but Randy apologized and I have accepted it. I would like to think that I would have acted the same way as he did if anyone ever attacked my father."

If you weren't a wrestler, what would you be doing? Would you be here in the U.S.A.?

"I have never really thought about that because, for as long as I can remember, I always have wanted to be a wrestler. It's always been my dream. I once started an apprenticeship as an insurance broker, but I don't think I could do that; it would be too boring for me. I want, and like, the life of a wrestler; I love it. I hope to continue for many, many years."

EDITOR'S NOTE: After answering all of J. Banks' questions, Wright said, "One more thing I sincerely hope you're able to include in this story...Please thank all of the great fans for their support and encouragement, especially during my matches against Ric Flair and Arn Anderson. I really appreciate each and every fan and dedicate each and every match to them."





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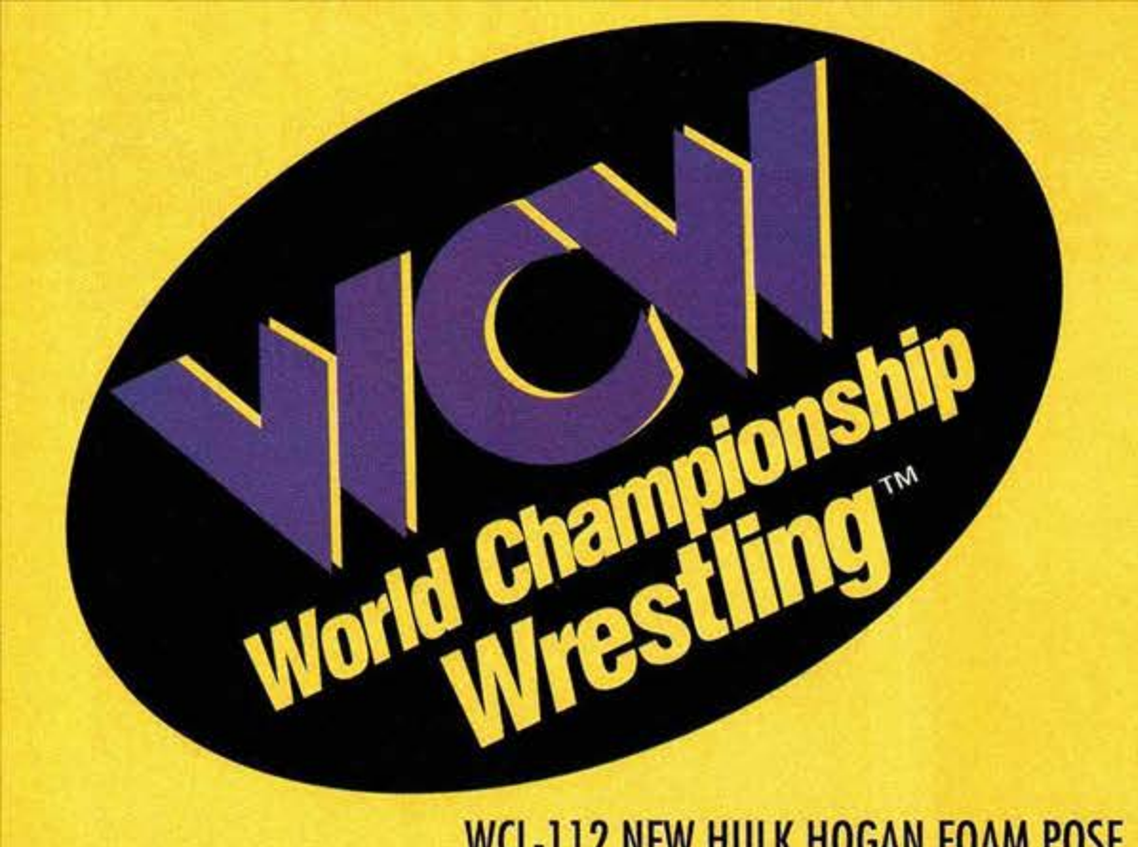

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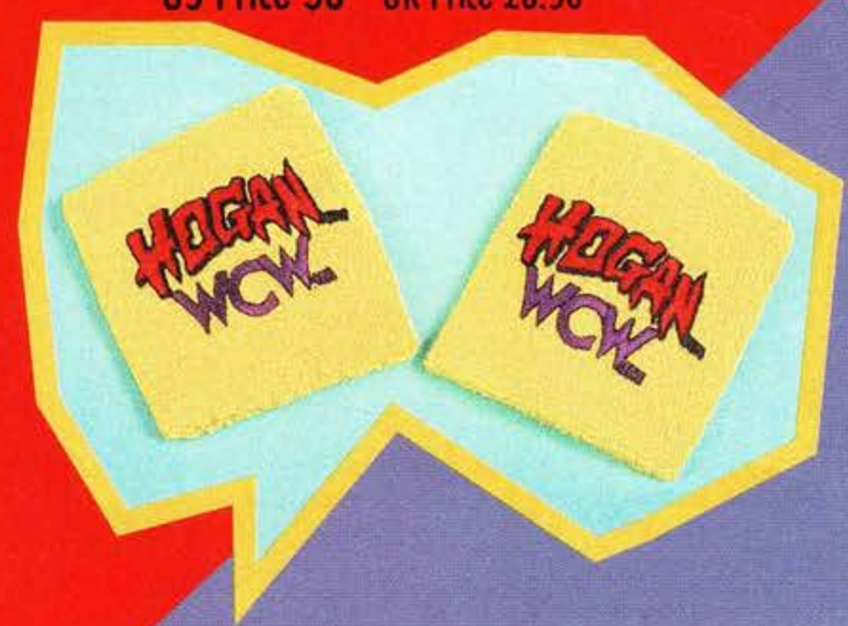

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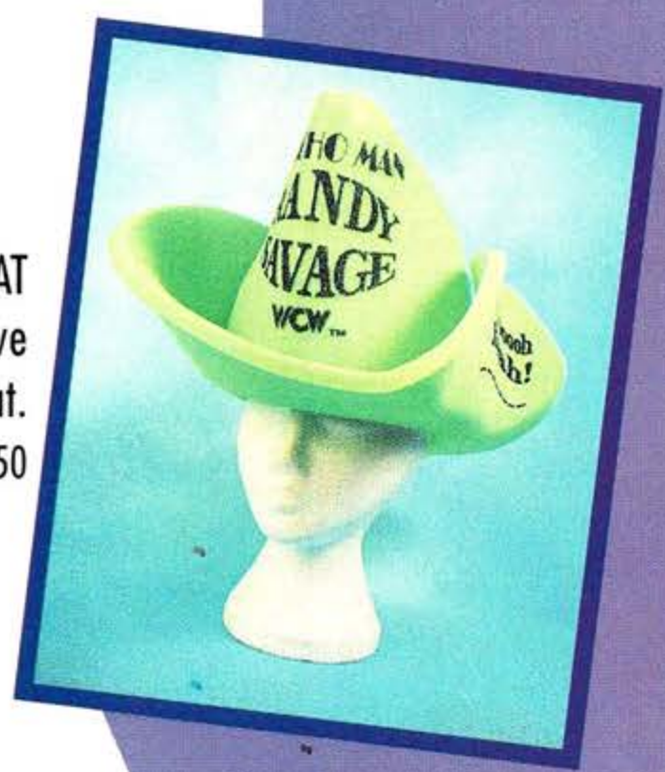

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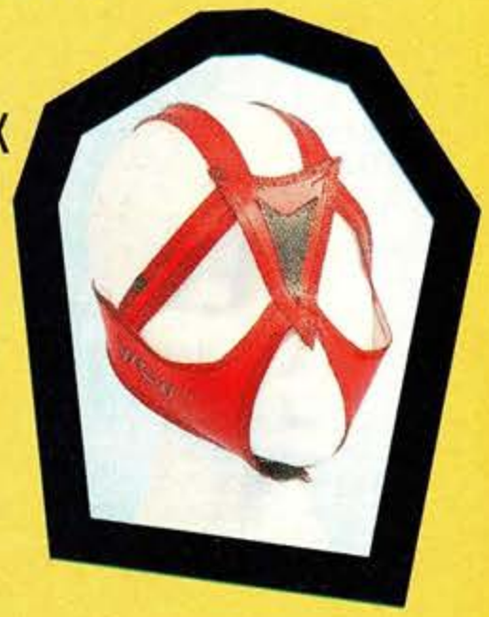

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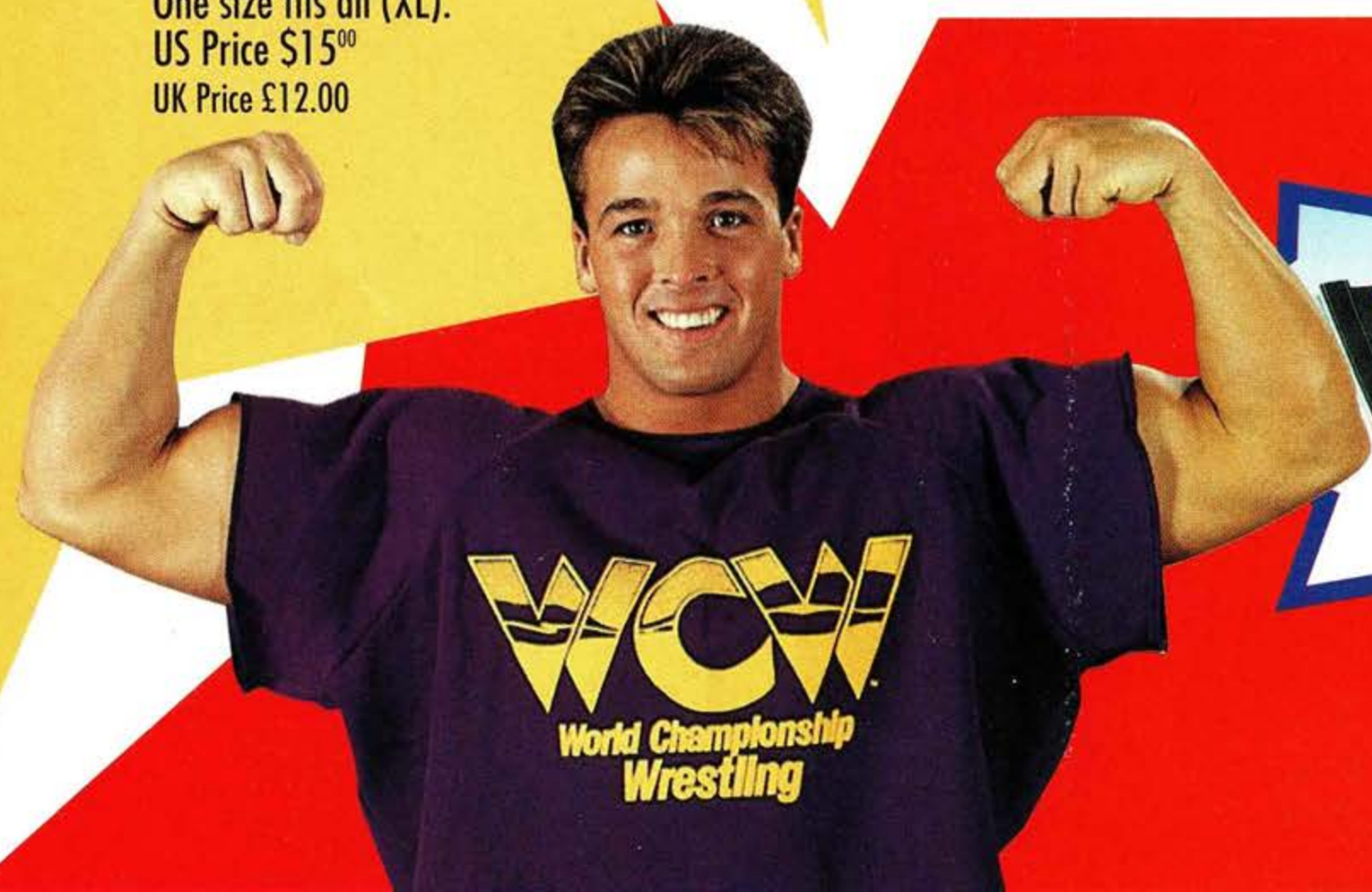

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